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## STATE MISSION

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\$250,000 For This Year

## 1975 State Missions Goal Is Ambitious

By Don McGregor

The missions effort in Mississippi is just as important as is that in New Mexico or South America. The lost in Corinth and Jackson and Pascagoula and all in between are just as lost as those in San Francisco and Tokyo and Buenos Aires.

With that in mind a state mission offering goal double that of any previous year was established for this year. This is ambitious, to be sure; but last year's half-sized goal was oversubscribed by mission-minded Mississippians.

This year's goal is \$250,000, which is about 60 cents for each resident member of a Mississippi Baptist church.

Observers would be quick to point out, however, that the goal is more likely to be reached by expecting an average of \$10 each from about 25,000 members rather than hoping for 60 cents each from more than 400,000.

By far the largest part of this goal would go for new missions. The amount in the state missions offering budget to help start new work is \$189,300.

The budget is printed in its entirety on this page. There are not many items, but each carries a great deal of importance.

The budget reveals that the next largest item is \$30,950 for Camp Garaywa, and then there is an allocation for \$11,000 for church building aid.

The other three allocations are \$8,000 for pastoral aid, \$2,500 for Indian work, and \$1,250 for Negro work.

The church building aid is to be distinguished from the allocation for new missions.

Large-scale population gains are expected in four areas of the state as the economy gets under way again. These areas are in the Memphis suburbs in DeSoto Coun-

ty, in the Hinds-Madison-Rankin metropolitan area, in Jackson County, and in the Gulf Coast association area of Harrison and Hancock counties.

Directors of associations missions in these areas are explaining to all who will listen that at least one and perhaps two new churches each year are needed in each of these areas. In fact, the

Jackson metropolitan area takes in two associations, and the director of each makes that statement for his own association.

These are some of the potential missions situations where the almost \$200,000 can be used to good advantage. Sites have been purchased in Hinds-Madison Association. Rev. Fred Tarpley, director (Continued on page 2)

## New Areas Need New Churches

By Dr. Earl Kelly

Wherever one goes in Mississippi he will find a church belonging to the Mississippi Baptist Convention. These churches may be open country, village, county seat town, or city churches; but each one is an evidence that people of faith wanted an organized church to bear witness to the Lordship of Christ in their community. Few of these communities or churches sprang forth, like Minerva of Ancient Myth, full grown. Their beginnings were small and it has taken decades for present size and strength to evolve. Many of our towns and churches were begun a century and a half ago.

Mississippi is now undergoing an unprecedented growth phenomenon. Instant cities are being built in several areas of the state. These planned communities will be made up of thousands of homes, giant shopping centers, schools, and hospitals. Thousands of people will be grouped in these new subdivisions because the business world has a plan. If these dense population areas are to have churches, church people will have to wisely plan for churches to be born. There is not time to wait for a church to evolve. Land must be secured in the early stages of community planning, or there will be no place for a church when the development reaches completion.

Your Executive Secretary-Treasurer has requests from the fast growth areas for assistance in buying land that is now available for new church sites. If funds were available we could wisely spend \$250,000 today. Property can now be bought for a much cheaper price than when the planned cities will have been built. Several sites are needed in areas where 2,000 homes are being built. Great churches will serve these areas if our people will make funds available through the State Mission Offering. Please plan to double whatever you have given in the past so that we can have the resources to meet the challenge.

## Women Released, Appeal For Georgi Vins' Freedom

## Convention Board To Assume BSU Salaries

KESTON, England (BP) —Five reform Baptist women, recently released from a Soviet prison, began an immediate appeal for the release of dissident reform Baptist minister and leader Georgi Vins, Keston New Service (KNS) said here.

Another development, reported by KNS, indicates that the Kiev Church, of which Vins is an elected officer, is enjoying an unheard-of measure of freedom for churches under Soviet communism.

The five women, Ida Korotun, Tatyana Kozhemyakina, Zinaida Tarasova, Yekaterina Gritsonko and Nadezhda Lvova, were arrested as workers on a secret printing press discovered by the K. G. B. (Russian secret police)

last autumn in Latvia. They were freed on June 27 in connection with International Women's Year, according to the news service of Keston College, Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism.

Following their release, the women wrote a letter to Christians of the world, "praising God for their release" and thanking those who "by their earnest prayers and appeals" helped to gain their release, KNS reported.

The women appealed particularly for Vins and for two men arrested with them, also workers of the "Christian" printing press still in prison, and other Christians they said are still in Soviet prisons.

KNS reports Vins is in a prison camp near Yakutsk in the Soviet Union.

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Plans are under way for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to assume the employment of the Baptist student directors at all of the tax-supported junior colleges in the state, Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director of the Department of Student Work for the Board, has declared.

The plan calls for the board to assume the employment of three directors each year until the implementation is completed in 1978.

Directors whose salaries were assumed by the Convention Board on Jan. 1 are serving students at Northeast, East Central, and Southwest. Next year the board will assume the employment of directors serving the Baptist students at Copiah-Lincoln, Northwest, and Gulf Coast.

Until the individual directors (Continued on page 2)

## Look, And See State Missions

by Marjean Patterson

WMU Executive Secretary Did you ever SEE a special mission offering. Oh, I don't mean did you see the checks and dollar bills given by members of your church for a special cause. But did you ever actually see an offering in action, what can be accomplished with money which is given out of loving concern by Christian people?

We Mississippi Baptists have an opportunity to SEE our State Mission Offering in action this year—right here in our state.

For every one dollar given to the State Mission Offering, for example, some 79c of it will be invested in new missions and churches in rapidly growing areas of our state. It will be possible for us actually to see these new buildings, and in the calling of mature, well-trained, full-time pastors.

Some 12 cents out of each dol-

lar will be channeled to serve Mississippi Baptists through Camp Garaywa, at Clinton, where year-round activities in missions education are provided for women and girls in Mississippi Baptist

churches. The facilities at Garaywa are also used by our churches and by some of the departments of work in the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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## State Mission Offering Allocations—1975

New Missions	\$199,300
Church Building Aid	11,000
Pastoral Aid	5,000
Camp Garaywa	30,950
Indian Work	2,500
Negro Work	1,250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

## Blue Mountain College Plans \$2.4 Million Fund-Raising Drive

Blue Mountain, Miss. — Officials of Blue Mountain College today announced a long-range fund raising drive with priority items including curriculum development, student recruitment, expansion of library holdings, and building renovation.

Blue Mountain College President E. Harold Fisher said, "The overall goal of this campaign is expected to total \$2.4 million and we expect to utilize the talents of more than 750 volunteer workers across the region."

The campaign has been named The Second Century Forward Fund and will concentrate in eight designated regions in both Mississippi and Tennessee. The drive has begun in the Northeast Mississippi region and will gradually expand into the other regions.

The Northeast Mississippi region has been divided into four different areas, each under the direction of an area chairman. Campaign direction will feature a personal approach with volunteer workers working their assign-

ed areas under the supervision of division leaders and team captains.

Henry M. Whitfield of Tupelo has been selected as the chairman for the Lee-Itawamba County area. He is associated with Hays Company of Tupelo, a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, and a past Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the college.

Named to head the Tippah County portion of the fund raising campaign was Joe Hardin Guyton of Blue Mountain. He is in the investment business, a member of the Lowery Memorial Baptist Church in Blue Mountain, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tippah County Hospital, and a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of New Albany.

"We are extremely happy to have two men of the caliber of Mr. Whitfield and Mr. Guyton to head these two important areas within the Northeast Mississippi region and know that their dedication to the development of Blue Mountain College will serve as an inspiration to all involved in the campaign," Dr. Fisher said.

Chairman for both the Union-Pontotoc and the Alcorn-Prentiss-Tishomingo areas are expected to be announced in the near future.

Dr. Fisher added, "The Second Century Forward Fund is the finest segment of a 10-year development program and will focus on first priority, urgent needs of the school and is expected to require \$500,000 to implement."

"One new program we plan to develop is in the area of business offerings and the increase of the level of training in business so that graduates will be qualified

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Commission Re-Elects Officers

Brotherhood Commission trustees meeting in annual business session at Olive Branch, Miss. re-elected last year's officers to a second term. William E. Hardy Jr., far left, minister of education at First Church, Columbus, was re-elected recording secretary. Hardy was elected to serve also

on the Commission's Executive Committee. Other officers from left are Charles Becton, Oklahoma, vice-chairman; P. A. Stevens, Kentucky, chairman; and Commission Executive Director Glendon McCullough, treasurer. (Brotherhood Commission Photo by Tim Fields)



## Rankin Needs A Church A Year Next 10 Years

Rankin County is included in the area in and around Jackson that is expected to explode with people and houses and shopping centers within the next few years. In fact, the growth there has already begun.

J. C. Renfro, director of missions, Rankin Association, says, "As we look at it now, we are going to need an average of one new church a year for the next ten years in Rankin County, to meet the needs of growth."

"One new church in the county, the church at Crossgates, has gotten an architectural firm to draw plans for their first unit—about a \$250,000 unit—and will have groundbreaking in September."

The Crossgates development, which will have a population in excess of 15,000, is situated about 1½ miles west of Brandon and fronts on Highway 80. The development consists of single family homes, multi-family units and townhouses. The price of homes there begins at \$30,000.

First Church, Brandon sponsored the mission at Crossgates, directed by the Missions Committee of Rankin Association.

A mobile chapel owned by Mississippi Baptists has been the initial meeting house. Dr. David Durrett was called as pastor last February.

For Crossgates Church, 4.3 acres have been bought for \$23,046 and the New Church Expansion Committee of the Convention Board voted to underwrite the total cost of this property.

Mr. Renfro reports on another location: "At Castlewoods we signed the deed August 22. This is going to be a rather exclusive community and we purchased a mission site right near Highway 25 (Lakeland Extended) in order that the people across the highway (about two blocks) from Millcreek subdivision also will be close to the church. It's going to be a tremendous thing. A sign will be placed up there immediately. The Future Home of Castlewoods Baptist Church. We are planning to continue to work in development of the church as the community develops."

The Castlewoods church site of 5.2863 acres was bought at a total price of \$65,000. Rankin Association made a \$5,000 down payment and the New Church Expansion Committee of the Convention Board voted to underwrite the balance of the purchase price. The development surrounding the church site will ultimately contain 2,000 units, and individual lots adjacent to the church site will sell for \$13,500. An 18-hole golf course will be a part of the development.

# State Missions Goal Ambitious

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of missions, says "If you wait four or five years, (for the area to develop), you've waited too long." He adds, "We find it has been a bad use of mission money to have to buy up houses close to church sites. But look at all of these new churches and look at what they are putting back into the Cooperative Program."

"We are familiar with areas where already \$1 million has been spent on sewer systems. We know there is going to be growth there. They don't spend that kind of money unless they've got big development."

Rev. Ervin Brown, director of missions in DeSoto Association, feels things are about to break loose where the new church ex-

pansion program helped obtain a \$21,000 site for Twin Lakes Church. In this area where there are 305 houses and 567 developed lots the recession had caused a slowdown. He said, "This past week there were over 30 new houses being built, and this is just the beginning which we feel will turn that community around."

The \$11,000 amount for church building aid will be used for emergencies that occur with existing buildings.

At Camp Garaywa the almost \$31,000 will be used for staff salaries at the camp, for some operational expenses such as insurance, and to provide camp programs for some who wouldn't be able to have them otherwise.

The work with the Indians has its romance, also. The money

goes to Rev. and Mrs. Dolton Hagan to be used as they need it, but some is used to provide piano lessons for any of the Indian children who are interested. There were no pianists for the Indian churches, but this fund is providing some.

The Woman's Mission Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is promoting the state mission offering throughout Mississippi. Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary of the Mississippi WMU, explains that it is a church-wide offering with the missionary organization serving as the driving force behind the effort.

The season of prayer for state missions is Sept. 14-17. To aid in the state missions offering promotion the WMU has mailed to every church copies of a booklet

titled "State Mission Season of Prayer." The theme is "Ties That Bind the Mississippi Baptist Family," and the writer is Mrs. Carl Nelson, wife of the pastor of First Church, Pelahatchie. Mrs. Nelson is the author of four books that have been published on the role women in various areas of life.

The booklet is written in the style of two television interview shows and includes suggestions for their use. The first is "Today in Mississippi," and the other is "Coffee with Marjean."

In question and answer method the two go into detail on the use, need, and expectations of the state missions offering and the results of its use. The material is designed to be presented before church audiences by the WMU organizations.

## Look And See

## State Missions

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Church building aid, in the form of assistance following crisis situations such as fire, tornado or other natural disaster, will use approximately five cents out of each State Mission Offering dollar this year. Two cents from each dollar will provide emergency pastoral aid, and the remaining two cents from each of our State Missions Offering dollars will make possible some special assistance in the work with the Choctaws in central Mississippi and with National Baptists all over the state.

So I hope you will figuratively—and literally—SEE State Mission Offering dollars in action this year.

Never have we had such a stimulating challenge toward whi-

ch to reach out and work for in Mississippi. Let's LOOK on our state and SEE what can be done here in an effort to share the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ with people of the Magnolia State.

## Ministers' Retreat To Be Held In Iuka

A Ministers' Retreat will be held at Mill Creek Resort near Iuka September 22-26. The resort is on Pickwick Lake. Gene Kimberly, member of the Iuka Church, is donating the lodging. There will be no planned program. This will be a time of fellowship and retreat.

Boating, swimming, tennis, and golf will be available. Charles Dampier, pastor, and Jerry Swimmer, minister of music of the Iuka Church, will be in charge.

If you plan to attend please call Iuka Baptist Church 423-5246 or write 105 West Eastport Street, Iuka, Mississippi 38852.

September 14

## State Mission Day In The Sunday School

By Bryant M. Cummings, Director, Sunday School Department, MBCB

Sunday, September 14 will be observed and recognized by many Sunday Schools throughout our Southern Baptist Convention and

## Contractors Invited To Bid On Baptist Camp In Attala Co.

The Committee charged with the responsibility of developing and building the Mississippi Baptist Camping and Retreat Facility in Attala County is prepared to advertise for bids on the construction of the sixteen and one-half acre lake to be located on the property.

Dr. W. Levon Moore, chairman of the Committee, announces that all interested contractors are invited to meet at the Attala Baptist Building, 209 Woodland Drive, in Kosciusko, on Friday, September 5, at 2 p.m. Prospective contractors will be shown the lake site and will be provided with copies of specifications for construction of the dam. It is requested that all interested contractors come to Kosciusko on that date only. Dr. Moore will welcome telephone inquiries at 601-289-1766.

## Salaries

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salaries are totally assumed by the Convention Board they come from Baptist sources in the local area and supplements from the Convention Board.

A misprint in last week's issue stated that the salaries before being assumed by the Convention Board were not paid from Baptist funds. They are paid from Baptist funds but not from Cooperative Programs funds.

Mississippi as "State Mission Day in the Sunday School."

Many Sunday Schools in Mississippi will give priority attention on Sunday morning September 14 in departments and classes as they observe State Mission Day in Sunday School. Sunday Schools that are organized on a multi-department structure will be able to give emphasis to state mission work in the large group periods with Youth, Adult and Older Children.

Although no special State Mission Day in the Sunday School materials and resources have been prepared for this year, a pastor or Sunday School director could call or write your state Sunday School Department in Jackson and request suggestions or information towards this September 14 day of special recognition.

Class Sunday Schools or groups that meet together in a large group time prior to class and department meetings, could offer a special recognition of state mission work by using five to eight minutes in this large group time for a state mission emphasis.

There are many individuals in our Sunday Schools across this state who are not involved in any missionary study nor do they participate in a mission organization. This Sunday recognition of State Mission Day may be the only glimpse that some individuals might have concerning state mission work in Mississippi.

Some Sunday Schools will want to take a special offering for state mission work through the Sunday School—perhaps through the church. Local churches that have not received, and desire the special State Mission Offering Envelopes may write the WMU Department, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 for extra envelopes. Designated gifts from local churches could be marked "State Missions" and sent to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson.

## Adams-Union Associations Dedicate Conference Center

The new office building and conference center of Adams-Union Associations, 139 D'Evereux Dr., Natchez, was dedicated Sunday afternoon, August 24, followed by open house.

The building houses the office of the director of missions, Rev. Richard D. Pass, a reception of-

fice, literature room, work room, conference room, and kitchen.

Members of the committee to select a site and build the facility were: Rev. Robert E. Jones, chairman, pastor of Washington Church; Paul Green, Adams Association moderator; C. E. Dossett; Wallace Wesley; and Charles Wells, all of Natchez.

## Hinds-Madison: "Big Growth Area"

One of the big growth areas in Mississippi is the Jackson area—Hinds and Madison Counties. Jackson, as "the crossroads of the South," is a major distribution center. The city has spread in every direction, and continued population growth is expected.

Fred Tarpley, director of missions for Hinds-Madison Association, says that there are 68 Southern Baptist churches in Hinds-Madison association at present, but that he anticipates the need for ten, and maybe twenty, more by 1985. He says, "We have four church sites now and are trying to build this up to eight. We feel that one or two churches need to be established in the Hinds-Madison area each year. We have averaged one new church a year for the last 22 years, and it's going to accelerate."

He foresees continuous growth in the Jackson area. He says, "Community developers are planning for a city of 24,000 just south of the Madison County line. There will be a mall 25 percent larger than Jackson Mall, with a million square feet. We certainly will want a new church or churches in that area. Called Lakeover, it is in northwest Jackson, west of the new I-220 and just south of County Line Road.

"Lakeover is going to be a tremendous development. This is an 18-year project and \$200,000,000 is planned to be spent. Already planners are at work to be ready with schools, transportation, police and fire protection.

"There are other developments like that on the drawing board. Right north of County Line Road

there is a plot of 1500 acres that will possibly be developed in the future. There is a development up in Madison County where 4000 homes are to be built. So it's popping everywhere!

"This morning," Mr. Tarpley continues, "I've been down on Highway 18 about half-way between Forest Hill and Raymond looking for a site right out in the country, but they are already cutting streets for subdivisions within a mile or two of it. Now if you wait four or five years, you've waited too late. You've got to get this land now because soon this city is going to boom in every direction."

"Apparently Jackson is right for growth and when the money market breaks and a few things happen, we think that there is going to be tremendous growth. One way the association keeps ahead is to stay in touch with the city planning board and the county planning board. Before anything is done, it has to be plotted, and then developers must talk to them about sewerage plans and all of that. We know that when already \$1 million or more has been spent on sewerage, there will be growth. They don't spend that kind of money unless they've got a big development. You've got to sell lots, and they know that. They have to provide three things—the water, the streets, and the sewerage system."

The New Church Expansion Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has voted to underwrite the total cost of ten acres of property for a future church site, located at the corner of Lakeshore Drive and Rainey

Road in south Jackson, at the Heritage Estates. Developers there have spent \$500,000 on sewerage and have built 225 homes in a subdivision that is to contain 1,000 homes.

Mr. Tarpley says, "I feel that one of the smartest things that the Mississippi Baptist Convention has ever done is to provide funds in buying these church sites while they are available and before these subdivisions come in and take up all the land. We find from experience here in the Jackson area that it has been a bad use of mission money to have to buy up houses close to church sites."

"Hinds-Madison Association is using one of the mobile chapels owned by Mississippi Baptists at Wildwood Church in Clinton."

"Recently Hinds-Madison Asso-

ciation bought \$40,000 worth of land down south and a plot up north we paid \$30,000 plus for. That's nearly as big as our budget is! There is just no way to do it!

"But in a few years we can start a good strong church on the new sites. Look at Oak Forest and Colonial Heights in Jackson, and all these other new churches. Look what they are putting back into the Convention Board. Broadmoor was a mission church and now they are the second highest in gifts in the state. Look at Morrison Heights in Clinton, 15 years old and a giant church. Our association bought the land and helped them get started. This is the way to do. We are really on the way now!"

## Baptist Men To Study State Missions Needs

By Elmer Howell, Director, Brotherhood Department, MBCB

The week of September 14-17 is a week of mission opportunity for Baptist Men in Mississippi. Many of the Baptist Men's groups will be having special state mission programs, presenting the idea of state missions to the men of the churches.

In some instances, the Wednesday night services will be under the direction of the Baptist Men, using various age groups of the church membership, emphasizing state missions.

Many of the Baptist Men's groups will be planning prayer breakfast meetings with the idea of state missions at the very center of their program, during which time the men will be informed concerning state missions needs, and will be challenged to a prayerful support of state missions. They will also be called upon and given opportunity to support the cause of state missions with the stewardship of their gifts.

## Gulf Coast Must Brace For 100,000 More People In Next 15 Years

By J. W. Brister, Director of Missions Gulf Coast Association

To the average association, 52 churches and missions would seem to be a large number. This is not so when you consider that these 52 churches and missions are located in a three-county area and that they are trying to minister to more than 200,000 people. They must also seek to minister to the thousands of tourists who flood the area almost year round. They also have the responsibility to minister to some 8,000 foreign seamen who come to Gulfport, Mississippi's only state owned port, each year plus the internationals who train at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, and the many internationals employed at the Navy Base in Gulfport.

With an already overtaxed budget, the asso-

ciation must minister to the estimated forty to fifty thousand unchurched people who already live in the area and to brace for an additional 100,000 people in the next 15 years.

Of the 52 churches and missions, four have come into existence in the last twelve months. In the summer of 1974 the Highland Mission was begun in the Highland Subdivision north of Pass Christian. This mission has cost Baptists very little since the members purchased the land and the mobile chapel in which they meet. In November 1974, the Commission Road Baptist Mission was begun in Long Beach on property already purchased by the association 12 years ago and the Mississippi Baptist Convention furnished a mobile chapel in which they meet. This mission is already self-sustaining.

The youngest mission was begun July 6 of this year in a motel room at Diamondhead, a planned community that some day will contain 30,000 people. A site as well as a meeting place is needed tomorrow.

The association borrowed money to purchase an additional mission site in North Biloxi and presently is only able to pay the interest on the loan. There are currently six sites where missions could be begun tomorrow if we had places to meet. There is one area north of Biloxi where there are more than 1,000 families now living with no Southern Baptist church within four miles.

The churches of the Gulf Coast Baptist Association are grateful to Mississippi Baptists for their assistance in furnishing the mobile chapel in our area and for the assistance on the salary of the language missions director.

(Note: Since the above was written, the New Church Expansion Committee, MBCB, has met and has decided the following concerning new churches in Gulf Coast Association:

The association bought three acres of land in Forrest Cove north of Biloxi for \$15,500, borrowed from Church Building Saving and Loan. The New Church Expansion Committee voted to assume this loan and liquidate the debt from receipts of the 1975 state mission offering. The committee also decided to help provide pastoral support for Commission Road Mission. They requested that the association negotiate for a church site in Diamondhead, which site may cost \$45,000-\$50,000. Also they asked the association to search for a church site in Sunkist Subdivision north of Back Bay Biloxi. The nearest Southern Baptist Church to Sunkist is 2½ miles south. Land there will probably cost \$10,000 an acre.)





Lemoyne Boulevard, meeting in a mobile chapel, was sponsored by First Church, Ocean Springs.



Southside Chapel is sponsored by Ingalls Avenue, Pascagoula.



Cambridge Square is sponsored by First Church, Moss Point.

## Six Sites Bought In Jackson County

By Zeno Wells, Director of Missions, Jackson County Association

During the last five years, state missions in Mississippi has aided our association to purchase property for six mission sites and provided a mobile chapel that is now serving the second mission. The progress to date would have been most difficult, if not impossible, without this aid. So to all Mississippi Baptists, our people of Jackson County Association wish to say "thank you." The aid given has been used as follows:

The purchase of mission sites	\$68,000.00
1970 Lemoyne Blvd.	4,500.00
1972-73 Gautier-Vancleave Rd.	3,000.00
1972-73 Cambridge Square	3,750.00
1973 Southside	18,750.00
1974 Tall Pine Acres	10,000.00
1974 Highway 90	30,000.00
The use of one mobile chapel:	
Woodhaven Baptist Church (chapel)	1971-75
Lemoyne Blvd. Chapel	1975-??

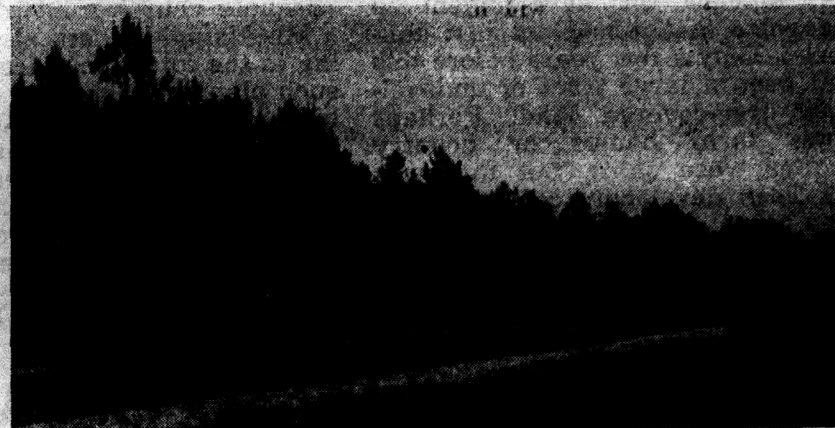
Three of the above sites, Gautier-Vancleave, Tall Pines and Highway 90, are future sites. There are two other areas where sites should be purchased.

Because of the many job opportunities, the area continues to grow; 18% from 1970 to 1973. New people are finding employment every day.

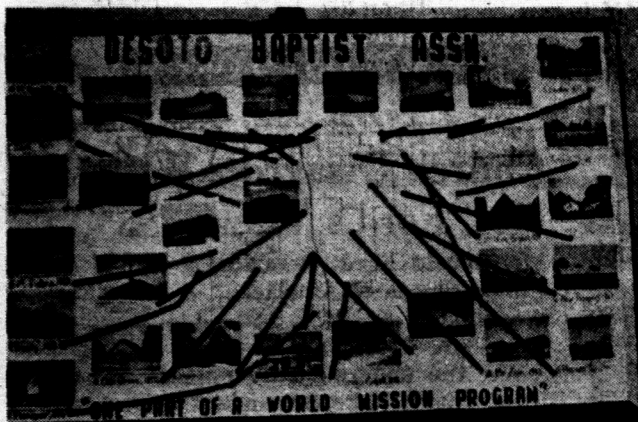
New shipbuilding contacts have just been secured. Five churches plan to sponsor Vietnamese families. The language ministry is growing and needs two centers for the seamen.

Many might be interested in knowing that the Lemoyne Blvd. has a full-time pastor, Bill Renick, a seminary graduate, whose salary is underwritten by First Church, Ocean Springs, Paul Aultman, pastor. That Southside is getting ready to call a full-time pastor supported wholly by the chapel itself, Bob Storie is interim pastor and Ingalls Avenue Church is sponsor, Allen Webb is pastor. That the Cambridge Square is the largest in attendance of the three missions and is self-supporting. Al Green, a seminary student, is pastor and First Church, Moss Point, is sponsor, Bobby Perry is pastor.

Tall Pines is one of the future church sites in Jackson County.



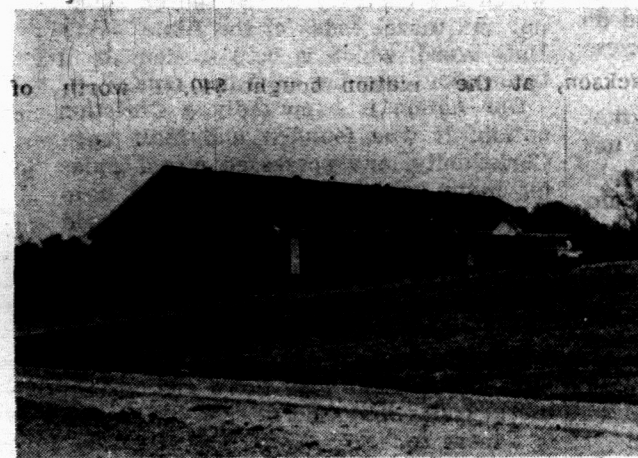
Jackson County has bought 5 1/4 acres with a 300-foot front on Highway 90 for a future church site. The New Church Expansion Committee, MBCB, voted to assume the debt of \$30,000.



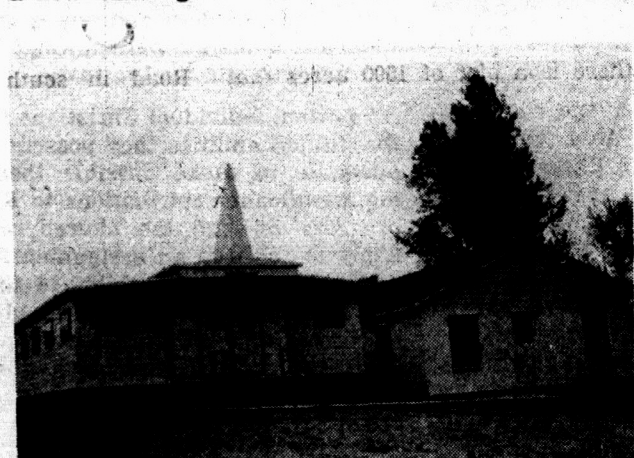
The number of churches in DeSoto Association has doubled since 1957—from 14 to 28.



Twin Lakes Church (DeSoto) is still using a mobile chapel owned by Mississippi Baptists, as supplementary space, even though they have moved into a new building.



Greenbrook (DeSoto) — The New Church Expansion Committee has voted to explore the possibility of assisting this church with a pastoral subsidy.



DeSoto Woods (DeSoto) is still using the association's mobile chapel and also has a small building.

## DeSoto Churches Double

Southern Baptists claim twice as many churches in DeSoto Association as there were in 1957. Then there were fourteen churches. Now there are 28.

Ervin Brown, director of missions for the association remembers that they have started churches in tents, in store buildings, in houses, in old drive-ins, and in mobile chapels.

Though the population growth in the area continues, Mr. Brown said that, with the economic downturn, it leveled off somewhat. "But 3,000 developed lots in the county are waiting for construction. We watch population expansion carefully because if you don't get one of the sites planned for a church in these developments, you end up having to buy land by the lot, and it comes high. Besides, you have to get residents to sign a release for a church to be built in a neighborhood."

Mr. Brown mentioned several places where he sees need for further expansion in the new church program.

He said that the Twin Lakes Church was started in December, 1973 as a mission of Colonial Hills Church and met in a mobile chapel owned by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (the same chapel used to start another church in DeSoto County — the Parkway Church).

The original site of four acres for Twin Lakes Church was bought by DeSoto Association from "revolving mission funds," at a cost of \$21,125. The church was to repay the association when they could make their first building loan. However, the church needs this money to provide minimum buildings to care for its present enrollment. Because of this, the New Church Expansion Committee of the MBCB voted to repay the DeSoto Association's revolving mission fund from 1975 state mission offering receipts.

Mr. Brown explained "Twin Lakes subdivision has 305 houses now, and just east of the church there are 507 developed lots. Of course, for about two years those lots just sat there because of the recession. Thirty new houses are being built now, though, and we feel like that will really turn that community on. Also, 250 acres just north of the church have been bought, for development."

"Twin Lakes Church and the pastor, Rev. Ralph Stovall, have moved into a new building now—but the mobile chapel is still valuable to them. This young church did not build all the space they needed in that first unit, so they are going to continue to use that chapel as a space supplement. It has kept them from having to go way out on a financial limb because they have built just to meet their present need. After the next year or so it will be moved on to another site."

He continued, "We've got two more areas where we are watching this construction growth and really see what the possibilities might be. Another thing—we have had three churches move out of Memphis, into some areas of the county where we would have perhaps have started churches, but these churches moved down with their own finances and with their own people."

"The first church that moved down was Longview Heights back in 1970. They now have a fulltime pastor. Then the next church that moved down was Church Road, the former Westwood. Now they have their own building and a full-time pastor. Then the other

church that moved from Memphis was Westmont Church, now called Greenbrook Church.

"The New Church Expansion Committee has voted to explore the possibility of assisting Greenbrook and DeSoto Woods with pastoral subsidies when funds are available."

"DeSoto Woods was a mission of Nesbit Church. They are meeting a vital need. The pastor recently gave up his job on the railroad and he's going full-time now. They are using one of the association's mobile chapels and have recently started their own little building which will be a temporary auditorium. The DeSoto Woods area is on Highway 51 just south of Goodman Road, between 51 and Interstate — south of Horn Lake."

"We are trying to meet the needs as they arise. We are really grateful for the mobile chapel the state Baptists loaned us."

"One other church moved from Memphis last year. They are in the process of building. That is the Ridgemark Church, now called Goodman Road Church. They are going to be coming into our association this fall."

"Just one thing I'd like to point out is that the association is limited in how much it can do. We can help in making an initial survey, in providing a mission pastor and giving counsel and guidance in selection of property. But we can only give token financial support for purchase of church sites. Here is where the Mississippi Baptist family can help. If we can get the right site for a church — one that is highly visible, easily identified and accessible to the flow of people — and help the congregation with the cost of the land, they can get off to a good start. With a pastor giving full time to the church they begin to grow. And before you know it, they are channeling more money back into missions than we provided at the outset."

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Christ for Today, a weekly gospel radio program, has completed ten years of broadcasting.

Proceed cautiously at all times — too many people mistake spectacular effort for success.

### Billy Graham

The Billy Graham Mississippi Crusade is being shown on television three nights this week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For most of you the programs will be over when this paper reaches you, but we hope you saw them. For some, however, it is still not too late to see one or two of the programs. We urge you to tune them in.

## New Study Of Parochialism

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) —Americans United today issued a study of seven referendum elections since 1967 which have dealt electoral defeats to advocates of tax aid for parochial schools. Entitled *The People Speak: The Seven Parochial Referenda, 1967-1974*, the report by Americans United research director Albert J. Menendez concludes that "it is evident that the voters have spoken with a clear voice in their resolute rejections of various parochial schemes in several different geographic areas."

The research preort covers the

defeat of a plan to remove anti-parochial provisions from New York's constitution in 1967 and Oregon's in 1972, and the passage of a constitutional amendment outlawing parochialism in Michigan in 1970. In addition, defeat of voucher-type schemes in Nebraska in 1970 and Maryland in 1972, plus rejection of a bus transportation amendment in Idaho in 1972 are included in this report. The defeat of a \$10 million parochial package including books, supplies, equipment and transportation services in Maryland in 1974 completes the study.

## "We Received Support From Mississippi Baptists When We Needed It"

By Curtis I. Miller, Pastor  
Woodhaven Church  
Ocean Springs  
Jackson County

First Baptist Church of Gautier, under the leadership of Rev. W. C. Burns (pastor 1963-1972) felt impressed of the Holy Spirit to start a new work in Ocean Springs. After much prayer the church planned a census of the Woodhaven Subdivision in eastern Ocean Springs. When the census was completed, a need was recognized for a church in that area. The response of the people of the area was wonderful.

The census was taken in the summer of 1971, and by August 1 of that same year the Mississippi Baptist Convention moved one of its large

expando trailers onto a ten-acre plot of ground in the area purchased by the Jackson County Baptist Association. This trailer made it possible for the mission to be organized immediately instead of having to wait to secure facilities in which to meet.

The first meeting was held in the trailer on August 15, 1971, for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School. On August 20, another meeting was held to make plans for revival, which was conducted later in the same month. With a good revival spirit and some new additions into the mission the work began to grow. The first regular worship service was held on September 12, and three families moved from the Gautier Church to begin the new work. From that time on, First Church of

Gautier gave the mission financial support and leadership. Between October 1971 and May of 1973 two pastors had been called and served on a part-time basis. Rev. Zeno Wells, Jackson County, director

of missions, and Rev. Bill Barton served as interim pastors through December of 1973.

With the promise of pastoral aid from the Mississippi Baptist Convention, I was called

and moved on the field as Woodhaven's first fulltime pastor. With my moving on the field a request was made of First Church, Gautier, to organize the mission into a church.

The organizational meeting was held Jan. 20, 1974, and Woodhaven Baptist Chapel became Woodhaven Baptist Church. There were 86 members of the chapel at the time of its organization. With the continued support of Gautier Church, and pastoral aid from the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Woodhaven Church moved out on its own. The budget for that year was \$21,000 dollars, with ten per cent going through the Cooperative Program to world missions.

The Woodhaven Church outgrew the trailer in 1974 and began to make plans to build.

Building plans were drawn, and plans were made to begin our new building early in 1975. And again, the Mississippi Baptist Convention came through to help us through building aid. When building materials were placed on the grounds and the building began to go up, we received a check from the Convention Board in the amount of \$1,000. This brought great rejoicing on the part of our people.

Now the building is completed, we have moved in, and are growing faster than ever. God continues to bless, praise His name. But Woodhaven Baptist Church will always be faithful supporters of state missions because of the support our church received from Mississippi Baptists at a time when we needed it. This is truly a cooperative spirit.



Woodhaven Church at Ocean Springs is complete and the members, who met for three years in a trailer, have "moved in."



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## EDITORIAL

### Mississippi Baptists Project New Churches

A few months ago it was our privilege to visit the Tallowood Baptist Church in a great new residential area in the western section of Houston, Texas. Here, situated on a spacious several acre plot, is one of the finest, best planned church plants in the whole Southern Baptist Convention. Across the street were the splendid buildings of some other churches. One had only to view the development to recognize that it had not just happened. Only a few years before this had been a large tract of undeveloped, tree-covered land. Perhaps some farm homes or country estates were on it, but that was all. Then developers conceived the idea of a great residential area there, and that dream began to become a reality. Some Christian leaders with vision realized that if

new homes were to be there, churches, too, would be needed. Early in the development they secured property, in the right location, and began to plan for the future. The result was that the great Tallowood Baptist and other churches stand there today. Because someone did have vision, and did plan early, this beautiful area of a great city, has splendid and adequate church ministries today.

Mississippi leaders also are looking to the future and are doing just such planning right now. Under the leadership of Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary - Treasurer, the convention board last year appointed a New Church Expansion Committee, and already is working with associations and churches in future planning.

Several sections of Mississippi

are experiencing rapid growth now, or are anticipating great growth in the near future. The North Mississippi — South Memphis area, the Jackson metropolitan area, and the Gulf Coast, are the three places of explosive growth at the present time. Already plans have been projected, or at least are in the planning stage, for tremendous developments in each of these areas. Plans for tens of thousands of new homes, large shopping centers, and industrial parks all are projected as the state anticipates continued growth within the coming years. As one talks with leaders in each of the three above named areas, he listens with amazement to reports of developments that already are under way. It is possible that similar growth will come in other areas as well.

Baptist leaders are not sitting idle while these things are happening. They are fully aware that new communities and new subdivisions are going to need churches, and they want strong Baptist churches to be located wherever there is such need. The new Church Expansion Committee works with associational missions committees, superintendents of missions and churches, in locating sites, acquiring property, providing temporary buildings, etc. The result has been that already a number of new missions have been projected, and some already started, through the committee's work. Stories elsewhere in this issue of the Record report on what already is being done.

The implementation of such a program requires money. Last year the convention voted to double the size of the 1975 State Mission Offering, and to use most of the money received through it for the new church expansion program. The Week of Prayer for the State Mission Offering is September 14-17 and the offering goals \$250,000. Of this sum, \$199,300 has been designated to be used in the new church program. Promotion of this week of prayer, is, of course, through the WMU, but the other organizations are joining in the emphasis, and the whole church membership is invited and urged to participate.

Gifts to this great annual offering will this year go to the specific task of establishing new churches in developing areas. Mississippi is growing, as more people come to the state, and population increases. Baptist leaders want those people to have access to strong Baptist churches. You can help provide those churches by making a worthy gift to State Missions during this annual Week of Prayer.

### Mrs. Ford Should Speak Out Again

When Mrs. Betty Ford recently appeared on a television program, and made some startling statements concerning pre-marital sex and other ethical matters, a shocked nation responded instantly. Our first reaction was an uncertainty as to whether to condemn her or feel sorry for her.

It was difficult to ascertain whether she actually believed what she was saying, or whether she was led into "putting her foot into her mouth" by the questions of a smart television news personality. It appeared that what she was trying to say was that she was endeavoring to keep the door of communication open to her children, and that she had no intention of throwing them out should they become involved in some questionable affairs. What she said sounded much worse than that, but we were not sure that she meant it.

We still are not certain, for in subsequent statements she has spoken of her belief in the family, the home and in responsible moral relationships. Nevertheless, despite the strong reactions which have come from many quarters, she has not actually renounced the things she was led into saying, and has not taken a positive stand that she does not approve of pre-marital sex, drugs, and other ethical deviations. Many are taking this to mean that she does hold an ultra-liberal view on these subjects, and was saying exactly what she believes. We still doubt that, but of course, cannot be sure.

We wish that Mrs. Ford would speak out again, and that this time she would openly and frankly disavow the positions which she appeared to be taking in the first interview. America would be greatly relieved, and quickly would forgive, if she simply made a positive statement.

If, on the other hand, the things which Mrs. Ford said, actually represent her position, we would urge her again to look at the whole issue. Does she really believe that a sound and stable society can be built upon the foundation of the low ethical standards espoused by many today? Are not these the very conditions which toppled other civilizations, and are they not causing deep erosion in American life? Mrs. Ford attends church, and professes to be a Christian. If she does believe these things, we hope that she will turn back to her Bible, and find the standards which God reveals there. They are far different from the position she appears to have taken, but they are the principles upon which the greatness of this nation has been built. We feel that sober reflection and prayerful consideration of these issues by individuals holding the modern ideas, would bring a revolution in their thinking.

We do not know which Mrs. Ford should do, whether she should correct her misunderstood statement, or change her thinking and position. Whichever it is, we would urge her to speak again.

#### NEWEST BOOKS

**ADVENTURES IN PRAYER** by Catherine Marshall (Chosen Books, distributed by Fleming H. Revell, \$4.95, 96 pp.) "His help is at hand" is the theme of this new book by the well known and loved author of *A Man Called Peter*, *Christy*, *Something More*, and other books. In these pages Catherine Marshall shares personal prayer discoveries, including refreshing insights about what an exciting adventure true prayer is, and about how surprisingly down-to-earth God wants our prayers to be. Some of the material in the book was adapted from articles previously printed in *Guideposts* magazine. The apt and attractive illustrations are by Ned Glattau.

**SPURGEON'S DEVOTIONAL BIBLE** by C. H. Spurgeon (Baker, 784 pp., \$9.95) Selected Bible readings for each day of the year with running comments concerning the passages. The plan is such that it can be used for morning and evening Bible reading and study and cover the whole Bible, although not every verse, in one year. However, the dating is such that it also can be used for once a day devotions covering the same material in two years. This is a reprint of a popular book which first appeared many years ago. Charles Spurgeon is one of the greatest preachers who ever has lived and was a famed London Baptist pastor for the last half of the 19th century.

**THANK GOD FOR SEX** by Harry Hollis, Jr. (Broadman, 167 pp., \$4.95) The subject may seem unusual, but the book is simply a solid discussion of sexual understanding and behavior as related to the Christian life. Taking a Christian approach the author discusses the contemporary picture, looks at a theological model, and presents a serious discussion of what the church can and should be doing about sex. In this day, when sex has been so cheapened in modern life, this is a volume to help Christians get a biblical perspective concerning it.

**THE FAMILY BIBLE STUDY BOOK** edited by Betsey Scanlan (Revell, 255 pp., \$6.95) The author believes that the family should study the Bible together. In this book is outlined a plan for doing this. Parents and children learn how to look at the Bible in a worship experience. Each lesson begins with an opening prayer, a scripture reading, questions and answers concerning that scripture, a conclusion and a closing prayer. This appears to be an ideal type of book for a 15-minute Bible study period for the family. It is more than mere Bible reading and prayer, but actually is a family study period. Bible books covered are Genesis, Proverbs, John, Acts, and Ephesians. Not everything in these books is covered but enough to give an overview of the entire book. From these examples, families can learn how to study other portions of the Bible.

**A SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY** by William Barclay (Eerdmans, 122 pp., \$5.95) William Barclay is one of the best known theological writers of this day and his books have sold millions of copies. In this book the man who has been a member of the divinity faculty of the University of Glasgow, Scotland for more than 27 years looks back at the spiritual experiences through which he has come. He calls many things to remembrance, presents a self portrait, discusses his beliefs, and other materials. Barclay is not always conservative in his views, but this volume gives an insight into his thinking.

**WHO IN HELL NEEDS A SHEPHERD?** by Del Carter (Judson, 94 pp., paper, \$3.50) The author is a Methodist preacher who almost left the ministry because of atheistic doubts, but who was brought back to a solid faith through an experience of a wild ride down a mountain on an old school bus whose brakes and gears failed. In this unusual book he tells of human experiences which teach many lessons concerning spiritual relationships. It is unusual, but it is readable and meaningful.

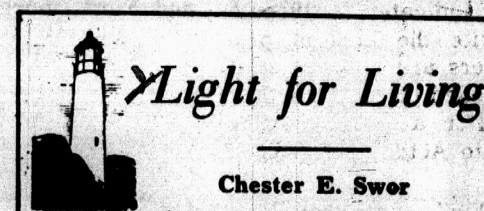
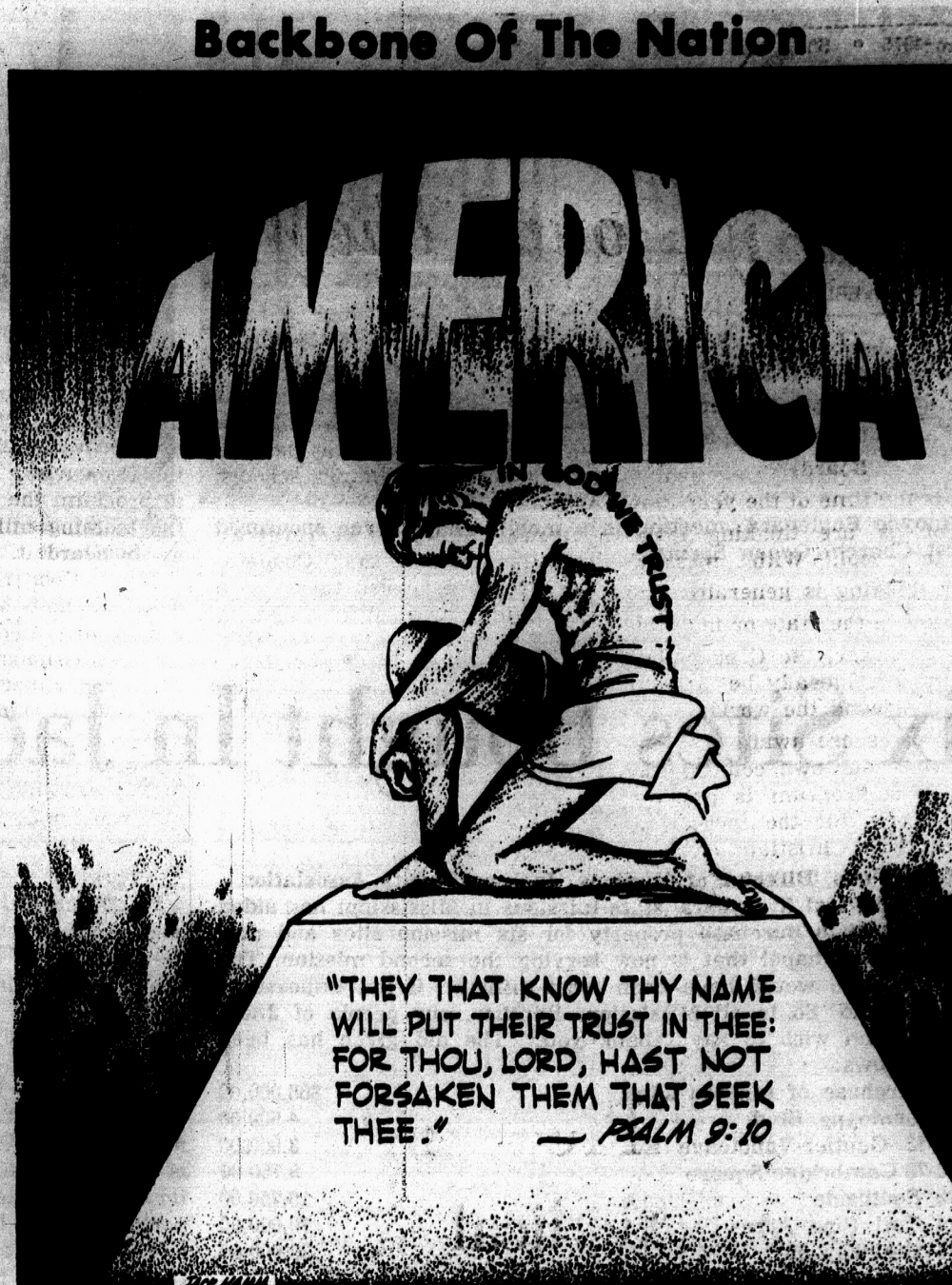
**THE DOCTRINE OF REVELATION** by Arthur W. Pink (Baker, 259 pp., \$6.95) Dr. Arthur W. Pink was one of the greatest expositors of the scripture to write in the first half of this century. He died in 1952. This book was written immediately after World War II and confronts head on those who deny God and his revelation of himself. The studies appeared in Dr. Pink's magazine, "Studies in the Scripture" and are here collected for permanent use. In the four sections he discusses God's revelation of His existence; the Holy Bible; subjective revelation; and revelation in glory. In studies which probe deeply into the scripture truth, the author presents well reasoned arguments which bring conviction concerning the truths which are presented.

**A MAN IN CHRIST** by James S. Stewart (Baker, 332 pp., paper \$3.95) Another volume in the reprint series called the James Stewart Library. This is a series of theological lectures concerning Paul and his ministry.

**IRON SHOES** by C. Roy Angell (Broadman, \$2.95, 117 pp., paper) For the visually limited reader, this is a reprint of C. Roy Angell's first book, and still his most popular. Dr. Angell skillfully blended personal narrative with words of advice from the Bible.

**OUTREACH IDEAS FOR YOUNG ADULTS** by Joseph M. Haynes (Convention, paper, \$1.25, 96 pp.) This new book begins with insights concerning the reasons for outreach to young adults. Next, there is a wealth of suggested activities, outlines, and germ ideas for reaching out to young adults in different life situations. Finally, there is a chapter devoted to ways to evaluate outreach efforts. The compiler is a former Mississippian.

**CHRISTMAS AT HOME** by Elizabeth Swadley (Broadman, 132 pp., \$3.95) In ten chapters Mrs. Swadley provides resources for home worship during the



#### Use What You Have!

When God spoke to Moses to direct him to return the Egypt to lead the Children of Israel out of bondage, Moses felt totally inadequate and practically argued with God concerning the assignment. When God directed that the rod in Moses' hand be thrown to the ground, the erstwhile "dead" rod became a living, moving creature; and, when Moses retrieved it, the serpent became a rod again. The message was unmistakably clear: What Moses had in ability plus what God's wisdom and power would do to lengthen and strengthen would be completely adequate for the task.

So often, individual Christians feel that the limited abilities they possess are not adequate to make possible their making significant contributions to Kingdom progress through the church, and are likely to reply to an assignment, "But I really don't have the ability to do that!" And in not remembering the multiplying power of God's presence and help such a Christian may decline and, therefore, miss a tremendous experience of surprise, joy, and usefulness.

Christ took an ignorant, unlearned fisherman who was willing to be used and developed and made of him the immortal Apostle Peter. He took a little boy's loaves and fishes and performed one of His most notable miracles. He used a simple widow's mites to teach a wonderful lesson on stewardship. With a lost coin, a lost sheep, and a lost boy as figures, he taught the magnificent truth of God's redemptive love. If the Christian of the simplest talents is willing to use what he has, Christ can multiply that Christian's life to amazing dimensions.

The well-remembered Martha Berry of Georgia is said to have presented her plea for funds for a school for mountain young people to an Eastern business man. He, misjudging the strength of this Southern woman and apparently thinking that she was an idealistic dreamer, is said to have flipped a dime over toward her and suggested that she see what she could do with that. Instead of being angry, she took the dime, purchased peanuts, planted them, harvesting, planting again, keeping records of sales until the amount derived from the initial dime was little short of phenomenal. When she presented her record later to the amazed business man, he became a friend and helper of the schools.

It's amazing to see what God can do with your smile, your words of encouragement and cheer, your fervent praying, your faithfulness in attending to small assignments, and any other "mites" whose potential multiplied by God's power can become major assets to the cause of Christ.

What is that in your hand?  
(Published by special arrangement with Dr. Chester Swor, 902 Whitworth Street, Jackson, Miss.)

Christmas season, suggests decorations and things to do with children, describes ways a family can share with others, and offers some tasty Christmas recipes for families who cook together. She insists that Christians can keep the real Christmas without sacrificing good features of the folk festival.

**THE MAKING OF A MISSIONARY** by J. Herbert Kane (Baker, paper, 114 pp., \$2.95) A former missionary to China presents his own views concerning what the Christian missionary will encounter in today's world setting.

#### Church Disagrees With Mrs. Ford's Views

Mr. Gerald Ford, President United States of America Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:  
We, the undersigned members of our little church, take this means of protesting the recent interview held on the television program, "Sixty Minutes," and also some interviews later by Mrs. Ford, wherein she expressed certain beliefs which are contrary to the sacred spiritual and moral codes of the Bible, God's Holy Word, which is held so dear by a tremendous number of Americans.

Our nation is supposedly a Christian nation. It was founded and built upon Christianity, and possessed moral codes for many generations that caused it to stand out among the nations of the world as one that followed the teachings of the Bible. Mrs. Ford is known as our First Lady of the land, and we suppose professes to be a Christian. It would have been wonderful for our First Lady in her interview to have said there are certain moral codes that God desires his people to adhere to.

We believe that a breakdown of these Christian principles as taught in the Bible will ultimately and unequivocally bring down the wrath of Almighty God upon our nation. Be assured that we know there are many people who believe like Mrs. Ford seemed to indicate she believed. That is their prerogative. But there are multiplied millions of Christian Americans who feel that such beliefs are a disgrace to God and His teachings, and to the Christian people of our nation.

Signed,  
Members of Oak Grove Baptist Church, John E. Barrow, pastor Prentiss, Mississippi

#### On The MORAL SCENE...

**LIVING LONGER** — Among the nations that measure average life expectancy, America ranks a relatively low 17th—behind most of Western Europe, Japan, Greece and even Bulgaria. Part of the reason is that the U.S. is a large, heterogeneous country where many people, especially nonwhites and the rural poor, lack good nutrition and medical care. But the statistics are improving. The average American life span reached a record-high 71.9 years in 1974, up from 71.3 in 1973. According to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the expected lifetime rose to 68.1 years for men and to 75.8 for women—the largest annual increases in two decades. (TIME Weekly, July 21, 1975)

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## It's Back To School Around The World

By Lewis I. Myers, Sr.  
Cleveland, Mississippi  
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Board)

This is the time of the year that many of us are thinking about "back to school." With most of us, our thinking is generally across town, in the state or in our nation. However, the Cooperative Program will literally be going to school around the world.

Many of us are aware of the fact that in our own country the Cooperative Program is providing assistance for the increasing needs in our Christian colleges and universities, seminaries, hospitals, and other institutions. These needs include buildings, maintenance and operation. However, one of the greatest needs being met which cannot be relat-

ed to the physical needs is that of a strong Christian witness and challenge to the cause of missions to the thousands of our young people attending the colleges, universities, nurses' training schools, etc.

Around the world, wherever we have missionaries, the Cooperative Program is also there in a very definite way. It is there to help provide for places for missionaries to live. It is there to help provide transportation facilities for going to mission points and transporting others to places of worship. It is there to help provide chapels, churches and places of worship. It is there to help provide scriptures, tracts and other materials translated in their language. It is there to help provide colleges and seminaries for training local converts to work with their own people. It is there to help train and prepare

the people for a better life by teaching classes in sewing, meal planning and cooking, child care and many other areas leading to improve living. And above all, the Cooperative Program is there to proclaim the "Good News" to the teeming millions who have never heard it.

The Cooperative Program, with the help of other agencies, makes available schools for the MK's (Missionary Kids) in areas where no American schools are accessible. Morrison Christian Academy in Taichung, Taiwan is one of several such schools. Many MK's, as well as other American children, enjoy the enriched curriculum, the varied athletic program, as well as the extra-curricular activities provided for them. These schools are staffed with educated, dedicated Christian teachers who help to instill Christian principles into the lives of their students. The ultra-modern dormitories, with patient, understanding Christian housemothers, furnish the students a good home away from home. From these institutions many students have graduated and returned to the States and have become productive citizens of our society.

Recently we were privileged to visit several areas of the world where we witnessed the importance and effectiveness of the presence of the Cooperative Program. In Hong Kong we have a very strong witness in the Baptist College where over 5,000 students are receiving Christian training and education. There we also found a Baptist hospital and seminary with a very effective Christian witness, and thriving because of the presence of the Cooperative Program.

Also in Taiwan, in addition to the Christian school for our MK's we found the Cooperative Program very much in evidence in a training center and seminary where Christians are trained for greater service among their own people.

Is the Cooperative Program at work? Yes, it is at work around the world.

## No Change In Premium Rates For Church Medical In 1976

DALLAS (BP) — At a time when inflation is forcing prices upward in practically every category, members in the church medical insurance plan are getting some good news from the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board — no premium rate increases between now and the end of 1976.

Darold H. Morgan, board president, confirmed the "no rate increase" during the next 16 months came from Aetna Life Insurance Company when bids were opened and compared for the church medical plan.

He said the stabilized rate placed Aetna ahead of six other major insurance companies which had submitted bids. Out of 21 ma-

jor insurance firms, 15 declined to bid. They indicated they could not underwrite the kind of program ministers and church staff members needed or they felt they could not offer a plan at rates competitive to Aetna's, Morgan said.

"Since moving the church medical plan to Aetna in late July, we have been striving for stability in benefits and rates. We believe we have achieved our goal, especially when we look at how inflation is forcing medical costs upward throughout the nation," he said.

Morgan said also that applications for the church medical plan in July are up 15 per cent over July, 1974.

## Women Released, Appeal For Georgi Vins' Freedom

(Continued from page 1)  
viet Far East. A recent visit by his mother and eldest daughter found him "beaming and sprightly" but in bad health, suffering from neck and chest pains, KNS noted.

Vins was convicted in January of "illegal religious action" and sentenced to five years in jail and five in "internal exile." He previously served a three-year sentence and was released in 1969 in broken health. His father, also a minister, died in prison camp and his mother ended a three-year sentence in 1973.

Vins, KNS said, told his relatives he traveled to Yakutsk in a special railway car for prisoners and that "he did not see daylight" for three months until arrival at a transit camp in Irkutsk.

From there, Vins reported, he was flown to Yakutsk on an ordinary scheduled flight, handcuffed to an escort, so that a guard could see him with a spoon.

Vins' prison identity card is marked with a special red stripe, KNS reported, which means he is considered liable to attempt to escape. It also means, the news service said, "stricter treatment."

Vins, according to KNS, is sear-

ched four times daily, while other prisoners are searched twice. He has already been moved to three different camps and, under conditions of his sentence, will have to wait "many months for another visit from his family," KNS said.

KNS reported some good news, however for the Kiev Church to which Vins belongs. The news service said the church "has been registered unconditionally, enabling it to function freely without the usual restrictions imposed by the State." No reason or explanation of the action was given by KNS.

But Christian believers in Kiev noted it is the first instance of its kind in the Soviet Union. The church's 500 members have been meeting in the woods but now have a church building, which they are renovating themselves, KNS said.

Alexei Bichkov, secretary-general of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, said at the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Stockholm in July that the printing press, confiscated when the five women and other Christian workers were arrested, had been returned to the reform Baptists, KNS said this has not been confirmed.

## Boyce Bible School Completes First Year

With four courses offered in the July term, Boyce Bible School completed its first full year of class work. Approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in June 1974 as a program of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Boyce Bible School began classes in August 1974 with 48 students. During the year the enrollment has climbed to over the 100 mark, according to Allen W. Graves, Executive Director. The new program offers preparation for mature Baptist ministers who have not completed college.

During this first year of its existence, Boyce Bible School has offered 51 courses on campus, each carrying one semester hour of credit, taught by 15 professors during the day classes. Twenty-

ty-two courses have been offered at night, including courses offered by Seminary Evening School which are open to Boyce Bible School students. During the coming school year, these offerings will be doubled with 108 daytime classes and 34 evening classes scheduled. The additional classes provide for students entering their second year of work and also offer several options for electives and for varied time schedules.

The diploma from Boyce Bible School requires 60 units or semester hours of course work which can be completed in two years or less. Instructional costs are small because of the support coming to Boyce Bible School through Southern Seminary's share of the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.

## Graham In Brussels

BRUSSELS — Billy Graham was a busy man during his evangelistic campaign in Brussels. In the daytime, he visited with the young people attending EUROFEST '75, a 10-day-long Bible study gathering, and at night he conducted his campaign at Heysel Stadium. At left, Mr. Graham answers question for a small group of EUROFEST participants representing many different countries. At right, he opens his nine-day campaign with Jacques Blocher serving as his French interpreter. In addition to French, the meeting was translated into six other languages. — (RNS Photo)

## Longer Life Spans Create New Problems, Ministries

By Bill Latham

Never before have so many persons lived so long or so well. In Mississippi there are 340,000 adults 65 years of age or older, and this number is growing by 5,000 each year. Within five years one out of every eight adults will be at least 65 years old. In 1900 the average life expectancy was 47 and there were only 64,000 older adults in Mississippi. Now a person can expect to live beyond 47 to retire at age 65 and enjoy that retirement for at least 15 years.

However, this blessing of longer life for older adults has intensified some of their old problems and created new ones. Many problems grow out of the fact that our culture still hasn't outgrown the notion that "old people" should be "put out to pasture" for a few years and then die. The truth is that older adults have an intense need to continue to be useful and productive, to be involved in the lives of others and to grow as persons.

Another factor is that older adults find they must live 15 years and longer on a retirement income that was intended to provide for less than 10. In addition, each year inflation eats away a little more of the buying power of the retired person's income, making it increasingly difficult to have the basic necessities of life: housing, food, transportation, medical care, clothing, and personal care.

Paul Adkins has stated the problem well: "Modern medicine and technology have contributed to

the great increase in the number of older persons in the population. While proud of this achievement, society is not sure what to do with the older citizens or for them. Without a clear sense of purpose or role in the later years, the older persons themselves are not certain about what they may expect. Their hope, however, is somehow to remain useful, to be accepted as persons and not become burdensome."

Our society is becoming increasingly aware of the needs of its older adults and has made beginning attempts to respond to those needs. This response is seen in increased Social Security benefits, Medicare, the national hot meals program, the creation of a national senior service corps, and a comprehensive pension reform package. Mississippi churches are also beginning to respond to the needs of older adults in their membership and in the community around them. Evidence of this is seen in special study and fellowship groups, at least one telephone reassurance program, week-day activities, clubs, transportation programs, and ministries to the homebound.

To assist Mississippi churches in beginning or strengthening their ministries to older adults a series of five conferences will be conducted September 15-19. Pastors, other staff members, church training directors, and older adults interested in this conference may get further information by contacting the State Church Training Department.

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## BMC Plans \$2.4 Million Fund-Raising Effort

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to move into management training.

"Some of the areas we see possibilities include real estate, banking, business, and industry with course instruction ranging from business law and industrial psychology to labor relations and money management."

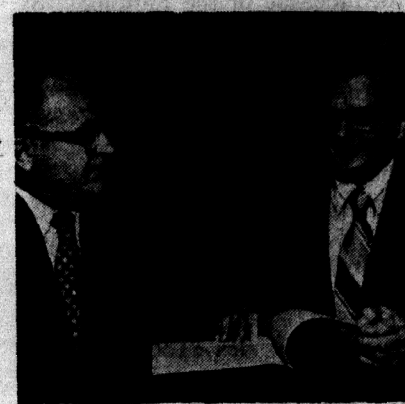
Another course of study expected to be initiated at Blue Mountain is in the field of Church Administration. Relatively a new area of study, Church Administration has become a vital part of the overall operation of churches. It was noted that more and more churches are employing qualified people to handle the entire business operation including management, purchasing and maintenance.

Following successful completion of first priority needs, a \$350,000 second priority phase will be initiated and will be an extension of the first phase. Third priority goals include the endowment of teaching chairs in several departments, student scholarships and

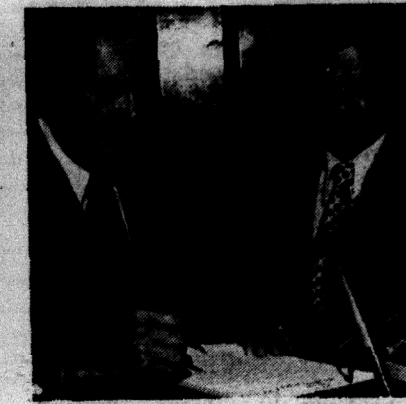
general program support. The third phase is expected to total \$250,000. Major building requirements necessitated by program improvement at the school will be a fourth priority item and is expected to total \$350,000.

President Fisher said, "We are

all excited about the possibilities of the campaign and it is our intent to continue as a strong woman's college that provides academic training enabling graduates to compete in today's changing world."



Blue Mountain College president E. Harold Fisher (R) has announced the selection of Henry M. Whitfield of Tupelo as Lee-Istawamba county area chairman for the Northeast Mississippi region of a long-range fund raising drive for the school.



Blue Mountain College president E. Harold Fisher (R) has announced the selection of Joe Hardin Guyton of Blue Mountain as Tippah county area chairman for the Northeast Mississippi region of a long-range fund raising drive for the school.

## Church Music Plans Children's Choir Clinic At Broadmoor, Jackson

Twelve hours of intensive training for any person interested in children and music will be offered Sept. 25 and 26 at Broadmoor Church in Jackson.

This is a children's choir clinic and, according to Dan Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, it is one of the biggest events ever planned for children's choir workers in the state.

The clinic will be sponsored by the Church Music Department.

Hall added that "although titled as a choir clinic, workers in Sunday School, Church Training, mission organizations, day camps,

kindergarten, and day care programs will also benefit from these sessions."

Major conference leaders will be Linda Boyd, music associate of the Missouri Baptist Convention and Ray and Jane Burdeshaw, minister of music and children's choir coordinator at the Spring Hill Church, Mobile, Alabama. All three of these were major conference leaders during music weeks at Ridgecrest and Glorieta this summer and are curriculum writers for music periodicals for the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mrs. Boyd has directed children's choir camps and festivals in Illinois, Arkansas, Georgia, Oklahoma, and Missouri and is co-author of "The Singing Raindrop" and author of "Musical Experiences with the Autoharp." The Burdeshaws have served churches in Florida and Alabama. Their children's choir program at Spring Hill has known phenomenal growth in recent years. Mrs. Burdeshaw is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Satterwhite of Bay Springs.

Assisting these leaders will be Nan Grantham, music assistant in the Church Music Department; J. M. Wood, minister of music at Broadmoor in Jackson; and 12 preschool and children's approved workers in the state.

Help will be given on three levels — preschool (ages 4 & 5), younger children (1st, 2nd, 3rd grades) and older children (4th, 5th, 6th grades). Age-group conferences will include sessions on "The Joy of Music and Children"

and "What to Teach and How to Plan It" and special sessions, entitled "Make It and Take It," in which conference participants will actually make teaching helps that they can take home and use with their children. Groups sessions will include a demonstration rehearsal with special techniques used in tone-matching, the presentation and explanation of children's choir materials on the market, singing games and activities to be used with groups, and promotional and enlistment ideas. Additional time has been set aside for individual help with specific problems for those requesting it. Purchase items will also be on display during the clinic, and available for purchase.

Registration for the clinic begins Sept. 25 at 9:30 a.m. Sessions will continue throughout the day, ending at 9:15 p.m. Friday's sessions run from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Everyone will be responsible for his own meals and there are numerous restaurants and quick-serve establishments in the Broadmoor area. There will be no nursery provisions at the church.

Persons unable to attend the entire clinic are encouraged to attend those sessions which fit their schedules.

The registration fee of \$10 per church entitles any number of workers to attend any or all of the clinic sessions. This should be sent to the Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS. 39205. Additional information may be obtained by writing Nan Grantham or phoning 354-3704.

## Conferences On Ministering With Older Adults

September 15-19, 1975

- 10:00-10:15 Worship
- 10:15-10:30 Biblical Perspective on Aging
- 10:30-11:35 Philosophy and Attitudes (Film: Leo Beurman and response to listening guides)
- 11:35-12:15 Guidelines for Creative Church Programming for Older Adults
- 12:15-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-1:30 Continuing to Grow
- 1:30-2:15 How To—  
Learning stations dealing with the following areas:  
Transportation  
Meals on wheels  
Telephone reassurance program  
Continuing education  
Social and fellowship programs  
Pastors training church leaders to minister with the elderly in health care facilities  
Clubs and weekend activities  
Cassette ministries
- 2:15-3:00 Planning by church teams
- 3:00-3:30 Sharing period

REGISTRATION — Mail To: Church Training, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS. 39205

CONFERENCE ON MINISTERING WITH OLDER ADULTS

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# Students Vow To Give Love Through Missions

GLORIETA, N. M. — More than 2,500 students meeting here during the "Glorieta Student Conference" have vowed to take their love through missions to the world, beginning on college and university campuses throughout the United States this fall.

During the week-long conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, students agreed that now is the time to show Christian love to all peoples regardless of race, color or creed. In the upcoming school year, they vowed to fulfill their theme, "To the World with Love."

The purpose of the yearly national gathering is to engage students in leadership conferences preparing them for effective Christian ministry on their college campuses during the upcoming school year.

According to Charles Roselle, secretary of National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, the three student ministries emphases for 1975-76 are missions, worship, and Bible study. The lead emphasis is on missions.

These are three of ten student ministries emphases highlighted each year, explains Roselle. Others are evangelism, churchmanship, ministry, international students, social action, stewardship, and fellowship.

"In the area of student ministries, 'missions' is defined as Baptist Student Union activities and projects directed toward meeting the needs of persons off campus," says Roselle. "Such activities include sponsoring a mission Sunday School; tutoring disadvantaged children; and conducting literacy classes, youth revival teams, Home Mission Board and BSU-sponsored student missions."

sions.

"Also, included in missions is a continuous education program to inform students of mission needs and opportunities around the world, including the needs and opportunities for participating in missions as a life vocation."

During the week, students called for:

An increase of the number of students who serve in summer missions, resort ministries and mission projects conducted during the year.

Work toward the goal of 5,000 student missionaries in 1976.

All students to attend FREEDOM 76, national SBC conference for students and young adults to be held in San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 28-31, 1975. Approximately 10,000 persons are expected to attend.

Conducting a state or campus-wide Interracial Bible Retreat during the next year, the purpose being to open doors of understanding between the races.

All BSU's to conduct a Mission Emphases Week on every college and university campus during the upcoming school year.

"The work the students accomplish here this week will lead to actions on college campuses this fall," concludes Roselle.

## Revival Dates

New Palestine, Picoayune (Pearl River): September 14-19; Rev. Robert Dunn, pastor of Locust St. Church, McComb, evangelist; Gary Cornett, minister of music; Calvary, West Point, music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with dinner on the grounds; weekday 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Harry Barnes, pastor.



The Department of Radiology at Mississippi Baptist Hospital won the inter-departmental volleyball tournament at the hospital this year in one of the activities of the hospital's Baptist Student Union. Accepting the award from hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor (dark suit) on behalf of his fellow team-mates was Marty Bozarth, medical-radiation physicist.

## BSU At Baptist Hospital Plans "Round-Up Retreat"

Baptist Student Union activities at Mississippi Baptist Hospital concentrated during the summer, on events designed to help students get to know each other better, through religious activity and through sports and recreational contests.

And Miss Kathy Bearden, BSU director for the program at the hospital, said the emphasis will continue in the fall, with plans in the making for "faculty fellowship" sessions where faculty members of the hospital's various educational programs can know each other better.

A "round-up retreat" is being planned for October 13 at Rice Acres, off Terry Road, and members of all the hospital educational programs are expected to participate in this event as a major activity of the fall season, according to Miss Bearden.

She said dates have been set for October 24-27 for the hospital's annual observance of "Religious Education Week," and the featured speaker will be Dr. Joseph Tuten, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson.

Also participating in the observance will be Mrs. Helen Maxey, of Oklahoma, who will be fulfilling this role for the third time this year. Her husband is the minister of music at First Baptist Church at Moore, Oklahoma.

"Music will again be a very important part of Religious Emphasis Week," said Miss Bearden, "and Gene Rester, of the hospital's Cardiovascular department, will once again be in charge of the musical portion of

the program."

The summer BSU program at Mississippi Baptist Hospital included a volleyball tournament which attracted a high level of interest and participation from the students at the hospital, with the radiological department's team emerging as the tournament winner.

All four schools — licensed practical nursing, medical technology, respiratory therapy and radiological technology — graduated classes during the summer and began new ones as they continue to follow a year-round schedule.

For the fourth year, the Baptist Student Union published a school annual depicting activities at the hospital.

## Broadmoor Forms New Class For Formerly Marrieds

A "Formerly Married" Sunday School class has been formed at Broadmoor Church, Jackson. The class began during May and each week since then enthusiasm and interest has grown. There are approximately 25 members now enrolled with an average weekly attendance of 18. The Formerly Married class meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in room B-18, under the leadership of Mrs. Phil (Barbara) Reeves.

This group of Christian men and women is united under a common bond to help and share with others who have, and are experiencing a most trying time in their lives. Monthly socials are held in order to get better acquainted with members and prospective members.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this new group you may contact the church office at 366-5433 or outreach leader Doris Reeves at 956-3508 after five o'clock. People of all ages and denominations are invited.

## Hobbs Returns To BH

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs returns from his summer "Baptist Hour" vacation September 7 to begin a new series of sermons based on the theme, "Living All Your Life."

To really live, Hobbs suggests that Christians must, like Jesus, "determine properly what shall be their priorities and remember the true meaning and purpose of life is spiritual, not material."

On September 14, Hobbs tells listeners that "Life is more than things. And life on this earth is but a prelude to eternity. Death does not end life, but merely transfers it into another sphere of being."

In "You Need A Compass," the subject of his September 21 "Baptist Hour" sermon, Hobbs says everyone is a ship on the sea of life. "And we need a compass to keep us on course toward God's intended port of call."

## Personal Planning Seminar To Be Sept. 22-23

NASHVILLE — A "Personal Planning Seminar" will be held Sept. 22-23 in Shreveport, La., sponsored by the Sunday School Board's church administration department.

The seminar offers pastors help in planning pastoral work, providing time to get work done in an effective manner, says Brooks R. Faulkner, pastoral ministries consultant at the board and seminar director. Pastors will learn how to clarify work, choose priorities, take a planned approach to change and develop a schedule to carry out plans.

The registration fee of \$10, covering cost of materials, should be sent to Brooks R. Faulkner, Church Administration Department, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, TN. 37234.

## Senior Citizens Invited To Open House At Governor's Mansion

The Mississippi Council on Aging urges all senior citizens to attend Open House at the Governor's Mansion in Jackson on Friday, September 19. Governor Waller said, "The Mansion belongs to all of the people of Mississippi. As a tribute to our senior citizens, we are observing a special day in their honor so that they may come and experience the heritage and history of our state, which is embodied in this beautiful building."

The mansion will be open from 10 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. The tours will include the historical part of the mansion as well as a portion

of the family area. Senior citizens will serve as hosts and hostesses.

The Area Agency on Aging are coordinating plans with groups of seniors from all over the state to attend the Open House on September 19. Clubs, organizations, and churches are being asked to help with organization and transportation. Senior citizens are urged to make plans now and to contact the Area Agency on Aging as soon as possible.

Several groups are planning picnics at Riverside Park, Jackson, either before or after they tour the Mansion. The clubhouse there will be available to senior citizens at no charge.

## Names In The News

Rev. Johnny E. Speedling, Jr. has resigned as minister of music and youth of Sage Avenue Church, Mobile, Ala., to accept the call as minister of music and associate pastor of McDowell Road Church, Jackson. Mr. Speedling, a native of Mobile, is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Speedling, native of Chickasaw, Ala., is a graduate of William Carey College and University of South Alabama. They have two children, Sandon, 6 and Sharee, age 15 months.

Dorothy Emmens, missionary to Tanzania, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rte. 1, Box 140, Bogalusa, La. 70427). She is a native of Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Jackson Glaze Jr., missionaries to Argentina, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40206). He was born in D'Lo, Miss., and grew up in Pelahatchie.

Mrs. Robert E. Rodgers of Jackson, president of the Mississippi Woman's Christian Temperance Union, is head of a delegation from Mississippi to the 101st Annual Convention of the National WCTU, meeting at the Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, New Mexico, beginning Sept. 2 and continuing through Sept. 8.

Fanny Starns, missionary to Thailand, has arrived in the States on furlough (address: 9955 E. Coronado Drive, Baton Rouge, La. 70815). She was born in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Jerry Smith will assume full time duties Sept. 8 at East Philadelphia Church as minister of music and assistant to the pastor. He goes from Brookhaven where he has been serving part-time at New Prospect, and also as assistant manager of the J. C. Penney store. He and his wife Peggy, daughters Darlene 10 and Felicia 13, will be living in a new double-wide mobile home across from the church, provided by the church. This is the first time East Philadelphia Baptist Church has had a fulltime assistant.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Fitts, missionaries to Peru, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Apartado 572, Trujillo, Peru). He is native of Pontotoc County.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Virgil Cooper, missionaries to Korea, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 907 Stanley Ave., Andalusia, Ala. 36420). He was born in Water Valley, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal E. Lee Jr., missionaries to France, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1716 River Rd., Pascagoula, Miss. 39567).



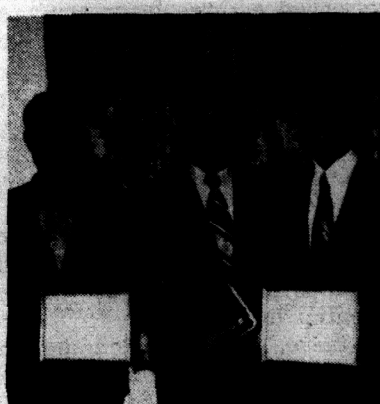
Dr. Jerry Gale King, left, is being congratulated by his boss, Dr. J. M. Ernest, academic vice-president of William Carey College. The occasion is the earning by Dr. King of his doctorate in business administration from the University of Mississippi. Dr. King is chairman of Carey's department of business and economics.

James Edward Culpepper, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Culpepper, was recently licensed to preach by First Church, State Line and preached at the morning service. Native of Mobile, Mr. Culpepper graduated from University of Alabama and is now a student at Southern Seminary. His great-grandfather, C. T. Culpepper, was also a minister. Rev. W. W. Hayes is pastor at State Line.

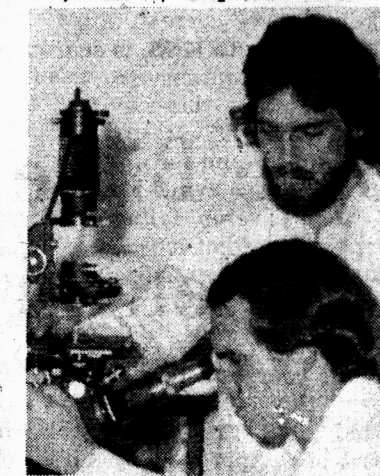
Faye Pearson, missionary to Taiwan, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 00222, Kaohsiung 800, Taiwan, Republic of China). She is a native of Laurel.

Roy Wood was recently licensed to the ministry by East Howard Church, Biloxi. He has been serving as chairman of the deacons, and has accepted a new position as minister of outreach at East Howard. Rev. R. L. Frees is pastor.

Sylvia Green was guest vocalist for a concert at First Church, Crystal Springs August 24, at the beginning of the church's Music Emphasis Week. Miss Green's home was originally in Crystal Springs. She is now on the staff of First Church, Dallas. Dr. T. Bobby Davis, Dallas musician, was her accompanist. Rev. Estus Mason is pastor.



First Church of Helena (Jackson County) recently licensed Ray Smith (L) and Eugene Little (R) to the gospel ministry. They will enroll in Baptist Bible Institute at Graceville, Fla. this fall semester. Rev. Valton Douglas, center, is pastor.



RESEARCH GRANT — James Cade (seated) of Osyka and Jerry Hall of Meridian have been working in the Mississippi College science department this summer. They have been participating in research in biological sciences under a special grant from the National Science Foundation. The program, Undergraduate Research Participation, provides students with apprenticeships in scientific research. (M. C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)

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## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM 50th ANNIVERSARY



# Man: Made In God's Image

By William J. Fallis  
Genesis 1-2

With this lesson we begin a three-month study of the book of Genesis. Although some class members may say that it ought to be six months, most will feel that thirteen Sundays on one Bible book is enough. They are not interested in a close study of words, and they

may favor a better than even emphasis on New Testament books. Much can be accomplished in 13 weeks; plan now to read the entire book of Genesis before next Sunday. With that background you could better understand the scope of the three major units of study: Unit 1, "God's Creation: Who Am I?"; Unit 2, "God's Call: Our Pilgrimage of Faith," focusing on Abraham; Unit 3, "God's Will: Our Acceptance of Servanthood," dealing with Jacob and Joseph. So the emphasis will be on meanings.

The Lesson Explained  
Genesis — Book Of Basic Understandings

Many adults miss the greatness of Genesis either by spending their time arguing over the method of creation or by ignoring its stories because they are told to children. Ultimately, anyone trying to understand the teachings of either Judaism or Christianity must go back to Genesis because it contains some of the great basic

concepts. No other Bible book attempts to explain creation or describe the beginning of the struggle between good and evil. God's concern for mankind is revealed vividly in Genesis, and the rest of Israel's experience with God is based on that revelation. God's judgment of sin is told simply and dramatically in Genesis, and that same God disturbed and supported the prophets. Genesis is indeed a book of beginning; it is foundational.

From Dust To Living Soul  
Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7

These two passages seem to represent two separate stories of the creation of man — somewhat different and yet basically the same. The first passage shows man as the climax of God's vast creative effort. He was made in the image and likeness of God. Although similar to animals in many physical ways, he was also similar to God. In fact the word for "image" suggests an exact resemblance. His likeness to God may be suggested in man's relationship to other living beings; as God had created them, man was to "have dominion" over them. He would be the caretaker of creation.

The second passage is not so theologically inclined. It tells quite simply that God collected mud, shaped it into a man, and when he breathed into it, the thing "became a living soul." Although some people feel this word "soul" is the difference between

man and the animals, the Hebrew word is better translated "being." The same Hebrew word is used for animals; they are all beings. Man's likeness to God must be in personality. As a person, man can have fellowship with the divine Person. Also, he is aware of himself; he can think through complex problems and make decisions; he can appreciate beauty, love, and courage. Although a part of the physical creation, man can live at a high level when responding to God.

One Plus One Equal One  
Genesis 2:18-25

Man was quite comfortable in the Garden of Eden, but God recognized his need for companionship. Flowers, trees, and animals provided an interesting setting, but man needed a companion who could respond to him and help him become a mature person. The phrase "help meet" in verse 18 is not a strange spelling of helpmate. It really means a helper who is suitable. In being given the privilege of naming the animals, man demonstrated in a sense his control over them. But they were not his equal; he needed a person to help him.

While the man (Adam) slept, divinely induced, God used a rib to "build" a woman. When Adam awoke and saw her, he said, "This is I! She is part of my own bone and flesh!" (TLB). He recognized her as his own kind. From one person God had made two; as husband and wife they would always represent "one flesh."



## People — That's What It's All About

What is the Cooperative Program? To some it may sound like an overworked term they have heard repeated so many times that it has become synonymous with the word "mission." To others it may be a fund distribution "scheme" for causes they know little or nothing about. Others see it as a plan that the Southern Baptist Convention has around which its total denominational program is constructed.

It has variously been called by leaders the life-blood of our denomination, the mainstream of missionary support and the mainstay of our cooperative efforts. In reality the Cooperative Program is many things to many different people; but the key question is, "to me, what is the Cooperative Program?"

To me it is fundamentally people, not money. It is people caring and sharing, not just giving and receiving. It is people loving God and fellow man, not just trying to give more than last year or than another church across town or the state. The Cooperative Program is first and foremost PEOPLE — Southern Baptist people loving and caring; secondly, it is money these people have diligently earned and given as part of their Christian stewardship of life and possessions; and thirdly, it is a well studied and carefully administered plan for integral mission involvement at all levels and in far flung places — places most of the givers can never visit.

Having been on both sides of the Cooperative Program as a giver (church member and pastor) and as a receiver (seminary student and foreign missionary) I have seen the Cooperative Program at work from the time the money hits the collection plate until it is spent to its last "centavo" in one or another of many worthy missionary causes. At times I was the giver and the remitter; at others I have been the conduit through which it reached its intended use and other times, I am the actual beneficiary as it constitutes the means of support for my family and our work.

Hence, I conceive of the Cooperative Program as people who are bound together in a mutual mission of sharing Christ's love; Christians in churches back home giving so that a reasonable portion of it will make its way to Ecuador and form the basis of a missionary outreach which last year gave the following results measured in human lives: an increase from 37 churches in 1973 to 44 in 1974; from 21 mission points to 35; from 255 baptisms in 1973 to 302 this past year and an increase in total church membership from 1727 to 2265.

Although these statistics may not be overwhelmingly impressive, they reflect the result of the investment of missionary lives and mission dollars, which in the final analysis is people going to other people sharing the message of salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Some people, such as 23 Southern Baptist missionaries currently living in Ecuador, going — and others such as the 33 million Southern Baptists, giving — so that by some means or

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## Plans Developing For Recording Of Patriotic Album

According to Dan C. Hall, director, Church Music Department, plans are developing on schedule for the recording of a patriotic album by the Singing Churchmen and Singing Women of Mississippi.

All full-time and part-time ministers of music in Baptist churches in the state are invited to be a part of this singing group, and also any MUSICAL PASTORS and/or associates. The Singing Women is a partner group, composed of female ministers of music, accompanists, music secretaries, and graded choir workers, directed by Nan Grantham, music assistant, Church Music Department.

Rehearsals for the Singing Churchmen will be Friday, Sept. 19, 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., First, Hattiesburg; Tuesday, Sept. 30, 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., First, Greenwood; Overnight rehearsal beginning Thursday, October 2 at 5:00 p.m., going through 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, First, Clinton. The Singing Women will rehearse at the following times: Thursday, September 18, 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Jackson; Tuesday, September 30, 2 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Jackson and Thursday, October 2, 5:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m., First Clinton. FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, TWO OF THESE THREE MUST BE ATTENDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RECORDING SESSIONS.

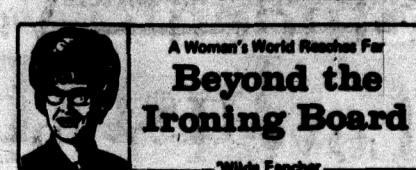
Recording sessions (overnight) begin Friday, Oct. 10, 2 p.m. going through Saturday, Oct. 11, First, Clinton.

Anyone interested in joining either group should contact Church Music Department. If you are already a part of the Singing Churchmen and have not returned the card regarding rehearsal attendance, PLEASE RETURN IMMEDIATELY.

ST. LOUIS (RNS) — The Roman Catholic pastor of a suburban parish has directed the attention of police and municipal officials to a new — but perplexing — form of obscenity: the pornographic reading room. Msgr. James Bresnahan, pastor of St. Rita Parish in Vinita Park, has complained to village officials and Police Department about a business called the "The Reading Room," located a block from the church.

other the Gospel can be shared among Ecuador's eight million inhabitants.

To me, then the fundamental element of the Cooperative Program is people, not money; for without the people on either side, the money would be meaningless and useless. The Cooperative Program is you and me working together, "people to people sharing together Christ's love." Stanley D. Stamps  
Guayaquil, Ecuador



I really do believe God takes care of His children.

Normally I'm a scaredy-cat driver. Several factors are involved, among them the fact that I did not learn to drive until I was growing—in size and age, that is. Also among them is the fact that I have had numerous lessons in how to improve Mother's Driving classes conducted while teenage boys were and-or are passengers. Nothing else is so demoralizing. Unless it was their classes, in how to improve Mother's Appearance, which were finally removed from the curriculum, though, along with a few other impossible courses.

Meanwhile, back in the driver's seat. At least two experiences as a scaredy-cat driver have shown me God's loving care for me. When I was teaching in Clinton, Frank, Jim, and I had to leave for school quite early. One morning the weather was so foggy it looked as if the whole world were going up in smoke without any fire. I wondered how I'd ever have nerve to cross Highway 49 when we got there — four lanes of traffic controlled only by the stop signs for my road. On the way I said several times, "Lord, you know how I hate to be a scaredy-cat; please help me not to be one at Highway 49." Wouldn't you know that just as I got to 49 the fog lifted in patches, and I could see all I needed to see in both directions to find a way to cross the busy rush hour traffic? Then the fog lasted the rest of the drive.

Another thing I have trouble with is parallel parking. I used to walk six blocks to avoid having to worry with it. Now I back my ears and keep parking until I hear the sound of glass and metal. Before I got so good at parking, I was on my way to an awards banquet, alone. I said, "Lord, I'm scared to walk six blocks alone tonight; please work out something so I won't have to, and please don't let me have to be embarrassed trying to parallel park."

I drove on the street behind the Heidelberg Hotel, and there was one parking place. It was by a driveway, and I could drive straight into it. It was not even necessary to cross the street alone to get to the hotel.

It's times like these I feel a kinship with the sparrows and the lilies.

GENEVA (RNS) — An agency of the World Council of Churches has called on the Council's member Churches to support the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile and its bishop in their conflict with the Chilean government.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Why Does God Allow This?

By Bill Duncan  
Job 3:6-7

"I can't believe this could happen to me!" is the cry of one who has suffered the sickness unto death. Many years ago, Soren Kierkegaard suggested that the death is despair.



The immediate reaction to the disasters that stripped Job of wealth, family, rendered him a pauper and a bereaved man. But he reacted with faith and confidence in God. When the "friends" came and misunderstood him, condemned him and accused him, this only caused Job to feel isolated from his friend. The sickness unto death began with his sense of estrangement from God himself.

Someone has suggested that C. S. Lewis is a modern Job. After his wife's death, he experienced the full onslaught of the loss. In his book *A Grief Observed* he gives expression to the questions and protests that stem from the agony of bereavement. There were many things that were said about God that seem to accuse God of not being just, such as: "Time after time when he (God) seemed most gracious, he was really preparing the next torture." Lewis described this lament as a yell rather than a thought. Job realized his lament was a yell because he said, "The speech of a despairing man is wind."

There was a boy that grew up in a pious farm family who believed very strongly that God would bless their endeavors if they worked hard and trusted in him. Each year this belief was tested and proved correct. If there was an occasional bad year, it was followed by several good years. Then came this successive years of drought. Hard work, trusting in God, and fervent prayer were all to no avail. Year followed year of crop failure. The financial crisis that ensued was matched by a religious crisis. What had gone wrong with the formula? Where was God in all this failure — and why?

Job's question of why is more than a question. It was also a protest. "Why is God picking on me?" This is the common reaction of the sufferer to his suffering and disappointment. He sim-

ply cannot understand why such reversals in fortune are permitted to happen — and especially why they happened to him.

Much of what he says in his anguish is because he did not understand, but what matters is that he turns to God.

Do you ever talk to yourself? Why? Are you lonely or you do not think anyone will understand your feeling? That is what Job did in chapter 3. He was not addressing God or his friends. He was talking to himself, putting in to words his innermost thoughts and feelings. The reason he was not talking to God was that he felt estranged from God.

His friends are moved — appalled at his appearance, shocked by his rebellion and terrified by his candor. So they just sat silent with him for seven days.

When Job began to speak he was unaware that he had an audience. He simply drains his heart of the bitterness. The cry of this deeply wounded man is expressed in the form of three wishes; "that he had never been born (3:9-10); that he might have died at birth (3:11-19); that he might die now (3:20-26)." This is the response of an essentially healthy, vigorous, searching mind to the inescapable fact of pain.

Here is Job's problem. If his theology is correct, he is the chief of sinners, but he knows he is not. Now Job never claimed he was sinless, but may have recognized some trouble as the acceptable chastisement of God. But he cannot believe all that had happened to him.

A friend came to Job named Eliphaz and advised him to submit himself to God and wait trustfully. It is like some say, "Don't worry, everything is for the best."

In his reply he reflects his disappointment with his friend's failure to understand his problem.

It is our natural vexation, impatience, grief and even anger when faced with injustice and offense. The burden Job carries is "heavier than the sand of the sea." Job implicates God as being responsible for his affliction. He rejects the idea that he should be patient and accept the problem by saying, "What am I, some

kind of stone or bronze statue? Have I no human feelings?" (vv 11-12).

It is a terrible thing to lose confidence in one's friends, but Job finds himself in that position (6:14-7:6). To withhold kindness from a friend is to turn one's back on true religion. Job's friends were like dried up rivers; when the water is everywhere they are full and when water is needed they are dry. They see his calamity and are uneasy and fearful. His despair has caused life to become a drag.

The final section of Job's reply to Eliphaz is a prayer to God (7:7-21). It begins with a statement of the brevity and fragility of human life. "If God does not do something soon it will be too late." The heart of Job's prayer is that God should have no cause to pick on Job. One thought of Job 7:20-21 needs to be realized, "If man sins, why should that concern the creator of the universe?" The truth is that God is very much concerned about what happens to each of us. But Job is unable to face that truth. Therefore, we can rejoice that we have the New Testament that tells us that God is like Jesus Christ.

Job had looked about him in the pit of despair, and found there the full horror of the shade, but he is discovering that God too is in the pit, looking for Job. Perhaps you can recall the time when you were a child and your parents did something that you thought most unjust, you went away and sulked. Job reverts to a child-like experience. Still rebellious and unconvinced, he gives indirect testimony to belief that God is love. He asked why God did not pardon his transgression and take away his iniquity.

In this lesson we see Job's echo in many today who have some knowledge of God but who are gripped by the "sickness unto death" in despair because they are estranged from him. His speech is very characteristic of the time in which we live. There is hope in the greatness of God and his eternal love. One day we will see and understand.

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# Just For The Record



## New Hope (Tate) Holds Bond Fire

New Hope (Tate) held a bond fire when they retired the debt on their educational area and left the church free of debt. Left to right: Leon Brandon, Clarence Peyton, Raymond Young, Murray Smith, deacons, and Rev. Roy C. Wilson, pastor. The church plans to build a pastor's home soon.



## Women Tour Baptist Center

Rev. Glen Williams, associational missionary for Pike County, recently made this picture at the Baptist Center in McComb. This is part of a group of WMU members from North McComb Church. They toured the building and later enjoyed refreshments.

## Antioch Homecoming

Antioch Church, Neshoba County, will have homecoming day Sunday, September 7. An all-day service is planned, with dinner on the grounds.

## WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (RNS)

The Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Commission has reaffirmed its policy of not permitting religious activities in city parks.

## Bethel Calls Pastor

Rev. Ray Foster recently accepted the pastorate of Bethel Church, Highway 14 E. near Louisville, after having served as pastor of Midway Church, Newton, for almost three and one-half years.



He served as president of the Newton County Ministers' Association 1973 and as member of the finance committee of the Newton County Association. His wife Faye taught second grade at Decatur Attendance Center.

Mr. Foster graduated from Clarke College, William Carey College, and Southwestern Seminary. For 3½ years, he was pastor of Elliott Church, Hearne, Texas.

The Fosters have two daughters, Anita Faye, 11, and Kimberly Ann, 7.

## Mt. Zion Calls Pastor

Mt. Zion Church in Leake County has called as pastor Rev. Rickey W. McKay, former pastor in Choctaw and Kemper Counties.



Native of Winston County, Mr. McKay is a graduate of Clarke College and has studied at Mississippi College. He has held various associational positions, including that of VBS director, Church Training director, outreach director, and Sunday School director.

He is married to the former Rachel Jenkins of Ackerman. They have a daughter, Ericka Diane, age two.

## WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)

The Rev. Alison Cheek, one of 11 women who took part in an irregular service of ordination to the priesthood last year, has been formally invited to join St. Stephen's Church here as "a member and as a priest."

## Highland, Laurel To Celebrate 25th Anniversary

On September 14, Highland Church, Laurel, will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the church's founding. According to Rev. Ralph Graves, pastor, the event will include special services and dinner - on - the-ground on Sunday, and a gospel concert by Dr. Sidney Buckley and his family on Saturday night, September 13, at 7:30 p.m. All former pastors, staff, and members are being invited.

Highland was begun as a mission of the First Church and was organized in a tent on September 10, 1950, with 61 charter members. Since then the membership has grown to almost 1,000, and a three phase building program for chapel, education, and sanctuary has been completed. Three pastors have served the church - Rev. James A. Hurt, now pastor of Immanuel, Cleveland; Rev. Guy Reedy, now pastor of First, Water Valley; and Rev. Ralph Graves.

Dr. Buckley, a native of the Hattiesburg area and a former minister of music at Highland, is now a fulltime music evangelist. He and his family live at Easley, South Carolina.

Services on Sunday, September 14, are scheduled as follows: a combined Sunday School Rally at 9:15 A.M.; morning worship at 10:30; and an afternoon service at 2. An anniversary Steering Committee, under the direction of Jim Nix, is in charge of plans.

## Guest Soloist In Korean Crusade

Delores Overturf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Overturf, Moss Point, left on an 18-day tour with the Jim Wilson Korean Crusade Team. Miss Overturf was invited by the team to be guest soloist for the Crusade. The team will be in Honolulu, Hawaii; Seoul, Korea; and Tokyo, Japan.

Delores is a 1973 graduate of Pascagoula High School. Upon her graduation from high school, she began traveling extensively with her father, singing in crusades and churches across the country.

She is a member of Arlington Heights Church.

## Devotional

## Everywhere Preaching

By Charles Stubblefield, Pastor, Ecra Church  
Acts 8:1-8

A new day had dawned for the disciples of Christ. The coming of the Holy Spirit in their lives moved them into new adventures of faith and action. So great was their change and so impressive was their witness that Luke said of them: "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." By examining their action and this statement we learn why they were able to do so. They went.

**CONVINCED OF HIS PERSON.** Some had asked, "What good thing can come out of Nazareth?" Others had commented, "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary?" The disciples of Christ declared, "Thou art the Christ!" They went everywhere preaching the Word because they were convinced that He was exactly who he claimed to be.

This raises the question, does he make a difference in the lives of disciples today? Does he make a difference as to where they go and a difference in the message they carry? They went.

**CONVERTED BY HIS POWER.** These disciples of Jesus were changed men. From all walks of life came persons being converted and placed in his ministry of service. There were the fishermen, a group of men hardened and toughened by the sea and afraid of no man. Now converted by his power and made new persons by his grace, they went everywhere preaching. They were followed by others whose lives also had been changed—the despised tax collector, the adulterous woman, and the physically handicapped. Having been changed and made new persons, they went everywhere preaching.

The message of the church today will not mean much until there is evidence that its membership has been converted and evidences it by living as new persons. They went.

**COMMISSIONED BY HIS PROGRAM.** Even though Christ sent them out by two's and in groups, and later gave the Great Commission, the real commission came not from his verbal command but from an inner urge that moved them to tell what had happened in their own lives. It was Peter and John who stated their commission so clearly. They said, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

It is good to go everywhere preaching because of Christ's commission, but it is better to go under his commission with a compulsion to tell what great things have been personally experienced in him. They went.

**COMFORTED BY HIS PRESENCE.** Christ promised to leave them, but not to leave them comfortless. At first disturbed by this news, they were thrilled later by the witness of his presence. His Spirit came upon them to indwell them, to empower them, and to assist them in their mission.

This can be a new day for the disciples of Christ. When these same discoveries are made by Christians today then perhaps they too will go everywhere preaching His Word. When this occurs, the witness of disciples will be meaningful, the preached message will be effective, and the Gospel will be preached everywhere.

## Phalti To Celebrate 70th Year. Will Reenact Church Organization

Phalti Church (Jefferson Davis) will observe its 70th year of service with the celebration of homecoming day September 7.

At the morning service there will be a re-enactment of the organization of the church, followed by a sermon from one of the

church's "own preachers," Rev. Reed Polk. Sunday school will begin at 10.

A fellowship meal will be shared at noon. Then the afternoon program will include a sermon by Rev. Marcus Alexander, a former pastor, and singing.

## Calvary, Tupelo, To Sponsor Bible Study Retreat For Deaf

Calvary Church, Tupelo, will sponsor the third annual Bible Study Retreat for the Deaf at Tombigbee State Park the weekend of September 6, 7. Over 200 letters have been mailed to the deaf and workers with the deaf in an area of three states. Last year around 90 people participated.

Directing the retreat this year

will be Rodney Webb, Director of Language Missions, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, a position which he has filled since March of this year. He has pastored churches in Tennessee and Oklahoma and had worked with the deaf of Northeastern United States for 5½ years before coming to Mississippi. Mr. Webb is the son of deaf parents.

Assisting Mr. Webb will be James Fair, a deaf layman, deacon in First Church, Houston, Texas. Mr. Fair is very active in his church, having served as Sunday School teacher and Training Union Director. He is a former President of Texas Baptist Conference for the Deaf and Southern Baptist Conference for the Deaf. He is at this time President of the new organization, Texas Baptist Athletic Association of the Deaf.

Mr. Fair is very much in demand as a song director for revivals and retreats such as this. He travels many miles and over a large portion of the nation each year to help in this way.



Dr. Charles E. Nestor, daughter, Marsha, son, Chuck, Mrs. Clara Nestor.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

**Big Creek (Wayne):** August 11-17; 12 professions of faith; 2 by letter; one by statement; Rev. Paul Ragland, evangelist; W. N. Powell, music director; Rev. Franklin McLelland, pastor; Mrs. Evon West, organist; Marilyn Cochran, pianist.

**Fellowship (Choctaw):** Rev. George Jones, pastor of Valley Hill (Greenwood), evangelist; Rev. W. K. Richardson, pastor; two for baptism; several rededications.

**DeLay (Lafayette):** August 14-24; Rev. Danny Estes, pastor, evangelist; Winfred Gossitt, in charge of music; three professions of faith; one by letter; twelve rededications.

**Antioch (Neshoba):** Rev. Alex McGrew of Tennessee, evangelist; Bob Peebles, minister of music at Antioch, singer; Rev. Albert McMullen, pastor; four additions, for baptism; (two others awaiting baptism were baptized with these); six by letter.

**First, State Line:** Rev. Al Fite of Leakesville, evangelist; Rev. W. W. Hayes, pastor; sponsored by youth, led by Betty Duckworth and Chris Young; seven professions of faith.

**Bethel (Adams):** July 27-August 2; Rev. Gene Stewart, pastor of Mt. Horeb (Covington), evangelist; Mervin Freeman, music director at Cloydale, Natchez, singer; Rev. Jerry G. McRaney, pastor; four professions of faith; two rededications.

**Valley Park Church:** Aug. 3-10; Rev. J. Harold Jones, pastor at Straight Bayou, evangelist; Barry Hamill, Vicksburg, student at Mississippi College, director of music; one for baptism; one rededication; Rev. Leon Ivey, pastor.

## Alabama Church Calls Al Finch

Rev. Al Finch has resigned the pastorate of Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, and has assumed duties as pastor of First Church, Prattville, Alabama.

A native of Laurel, he holds degrees from Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. His other Mississippi pastorates have included DeSoto City, Yazoo City, and First, Canton.

His denominational activities included serving on the Executive Board of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Finch is the former Margaret Frances Wicks of Jackson. They have two sons.

## Accident Claims

## Missionaries' Son

**FAIRFAX, Va. (BP)** — Robert H. Williams, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Williams, Southern Baptist missionaries to Honduras, died here Aug. 22, when he fell out of the car in which he was riding and was run over by one of the rear wheels.

The family, in the U.S. on furlough, was visiting Mrs. Williams' sister, Mrs. J. L. Pinson of Annandale, Va.

The funeral was held Aug. 25 at Mount Harmony Baptist Church, Mableton, Ga., with burial following in the gardens adjacent to the church.

Mrs. Williams' father is A. Judson Burrell, stewardship secretary for the Georgia Baptist Convention.

## Byard Picked For Seminary Administrative Post

**WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)** — Rodney V. Byard has been elected assistant to the president for institutional development at Southeastern Seminary.

Byard, current associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., will direct the seminary's program of public relations, publications and communications, financial development, and institutional research and planning.

## Off The Record

The head of a corporation, a rather obstinate man, called his executives on the carpet one day.

"Look," he fumed "you fellows have got to get on the ball. If we have any bottlenecks around here, I want you to tell me where they are. Is that clear?"

After the meeting one executive turned to another and said, "One thing I've noticed about bottles: the necks are always at the top."

—The Rotarian.

A barber had one patron who was rapidly thinning hair who was absolutely adamant about how it should be cut; he was so critical, in fact, that the barber hated to see him enter the shop.

One day, after an especially annoying session, the man ordered, "Part it in the middle."

"I can't," said the barber.

"Why not?" the irate customer demanded.

"Because," shrugged the barber, "you have an odd number of hairs."

Jacob's Ladder was the theme, with Junior Johnny on the beam. "Instead of climbing ladders, why didn't those angels up and fly?"

—CARL R. BROWN.

## Hepzibah Dedicates Remodeled Building

Hepzibah (Jeff Davis) on August 24 dedicated the additions made to the church for "its beautification and adornment."

In the past two years the church has bought padded pews, replaced the roofing on the education building, bought dishes and hot water heater for the kitchen, tile floors for the education building, organ and piano. They have painted the interior of the buildings where needed. All these were paid for, some in advance of purchase.

Also they have remodeled the pastorium, adding two new carpeted bedrooms and a bath. As the church celebrated the dedication day, they listened to reports from various committees on each project. Rev. L. B. Atkinson, associational director of missions, delivered the morning message. After dinner on the grounds, a group of ladies from Silver Creek presented special music.

Rev. N. T. Hedgepeth is the pastor.



## Union (Rankin) Frames Note

Union (Rankin) recently framed a note, thus showing that the pastorium was paid for, seven years ahead of schedule. Left to right: Rev. J. A. McCain, pastor, Dot Burnham, J. O. Miley, C. B. Winstead, Carl Myers, Building Committee (Marilyn Burnham, not pictured). Cooperative Program gifts have increased from \$250 last year to \$1,020.67 to date this year. A Baptist Women's group has been organized.



## Win First Place In Talent Show

Cindy Cooper with Andy Arnold and Lisa Clark with Danny O'Day won first place in a Talent Show August 16 sponsored by Pike County Baptist Association, in cooperation with Percy Quin State Park. They were one of the entries from First Baptist Church of McComb. There were about 15 entries.

## Southwestern Completes DMin Accreditation

**FORT WORTH (BP)** — Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here has become the first of the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries to complete the final accreditation process with the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) on its doctor of ministry (D. Min.) degree. All six SBC seminaries were granted preliminary accreditation

by the ATS along with about 30 theological schools in the nation, and are graduating DMin students with accredited degrees, an ATS spokesman said.

Southwestern Seminary and six other theological schools, he said, were the first seven schools to complete the ATS' final evaluation process for full accreditation.

The other six are Chicago Theological Seminary; Princeton (N. J.) Theological Seminary; Meadville-Lombard Theological School, Chicago; Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va.; the University of Chicago Divinity School; and Graduate School of Theology, Southern California, Claremont, Calif.